



Diary

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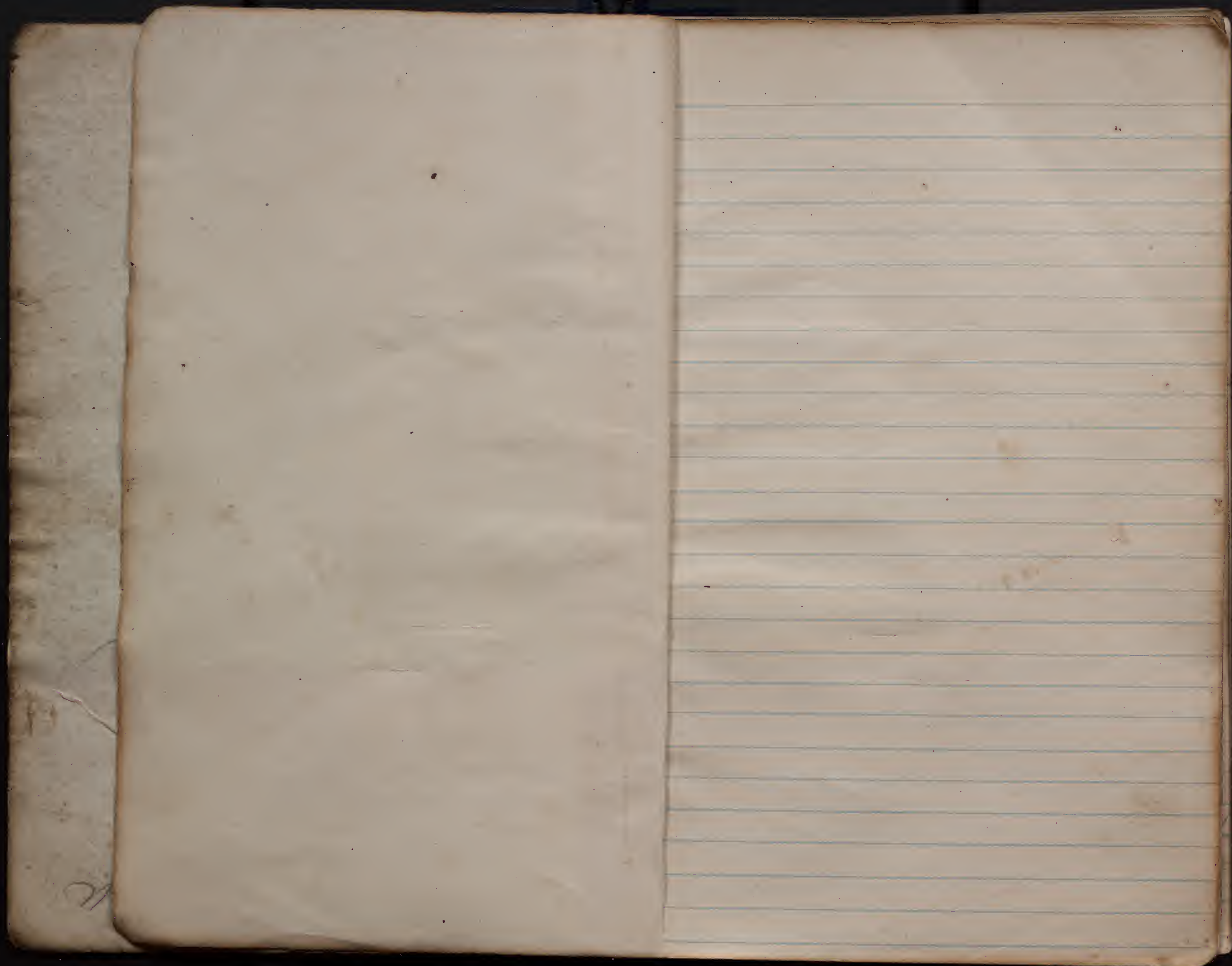
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Nulato, R. Am. Dec. 1. 1867.

Snow again. Get deerskin put around the door and the windows well packed with moss. Make a fire in the peechka & take the beds & deer skins in there and lay them down. - Bleed Anilno, who is pretty sick. Ivan Pidarschik is very long, much over due, now nearly 30 days since he left here. Get Sidorka's wife to make me a blanket out of two deerskins. Mike gave me last summer.

Monday Dec 2

Snow still. Plenty of fish in the fishtrap but nothing else. Work in my house all day. Clean the lamps and old traps of all kinds, of a years dirt. Make a fire; bring in a lot of things from the store, the old desk &c, & fix up general ly. It begins to look a little like home there now. Bad weather, and snow unprecedented.



— Tuesday, Dec. 3rd 1867 —  
Morning felt unwell, with a  
very bad headache. Go into the  
house, make a fire, fix my  
curtain and drill at the foot  
of the bunk — and open and  
sort several boxes and bags —  
Sew up the beds where torn &  
get out my tobacco and powder.  
Still snowing and warm.  
Dane's wife had a baby girl  
last night. She is a good breeder.

— Wednesday Dec 4th '67 —  
Morning, Give Rukovitska 2 fath-  
oms dill. Get out some medicine.  
Get a new fish (Nelima) from the  
zapor. About two o'clock, Ivan  
the bidarshik, Paspilkof and In-  
gechuk arrive, with two sleds.  
Stepanoff has sent me neither  
word nor goods of any kind.  
Kurill, Dec 1st was near Ice-  
camp — without grub, the dogs  
having got at the cache and  
polished off the ukali the  
night before. His cache was  
further on and he could



reach it by night. all well  
at Redoubt and Uinalakleet  
Drink tea with Ivan and  
Paspilko, give them their rum  
and turn in early -

Thursday Dec 5. 1867

Work in the house, split up  
wood, to make fire there.  
Have a good hot bath. The  
old Starcek arrives from Ja-  
kitsky & want sell his wood  
to me for the fish trap -

Friday, Dec 6. 1867

Morning, Pay Tarentof for  
his work with powder from  
the store. Give Yagorska 4  
skinnos twine. Get a man  
to split strips for the fish trap.  
Mikashka arrives and will  
help. Go over to the island &  
cut a large bundle of willow  
to tie the traps. Sharpen the  
axe in the evening. Caspoff  
takes Rykovitska for his head  
ker. Find a woman to split  
willow to tie the resitkas of  
the fish trap. Snows all day.



Saturday, Dec 7/6.

Go over to the island in the morning and bring back a load of willow for the trap. Evans girl is christened Caterina and we have an unusual spread of pie & coropaska for dinner - Snow still.

The Indians work up a lot of willow - Tarentof sets half of his fishtrap today.

Sunday Dec. 8

Morning take a sled with Mangushka and bring over a good big load of willow - Ingechuk starts for Ulukuk with Metrikof two children - Sell a feather bed to Caspoff on condition that he cuts the uprights for my fishtrap and two days work beside - Pay Yashsha 15 rubles in advance for three days work on the trap. Begin an iron door for our peeckka out of an old broken kettle left here last year - Day cold and clear, the first since I came.



Monday Dec 9. 67

Morning send Erinnas brother & Mikhailka out after trees to make the fish trap, they cut 4 good ones & return. Make a door for the Peetchka & two coal rakes out of some old hoopings. Get a loaf of bread from Yagor and a fish from Ivan to feed the men. Have a bad headache at night. Read Lady Audleys Secret, a sensation novel of a very poor class.

Tuesday, Dec 10, 1867

Go over to the other side of the river and bring over a load of trees for the fish trap with the Russian dogs, and Fiklunka. 28° below zero. Day before yesterday the cold weather set in. Have a very bad sore throat which pains me acutely every body here indeed has got cold or coughed and many of the Indians have died.

Drink tea with Carpoft - who has dropped Rukovitska & Lemoshka has taken her up.



Wednesday Dec 11. 67

Every body seems to be sick with sore throats or colds, and Yagorsh's kosakar is laid up with pneumonia and quite sick. Bleed her and Pat pilkoff. Send Eikmunka after the rest of the trees which he brings over. Pay him a fathom of drill and ten charges of powder for his work. Speak to Ivan and get permission for Greishka to work on my fish trap. Ivan Lyone has not yet reached Coltop. His boy Peter arrived from there today. No fish in Yagorsh's trap. Feel a little better, -30°.

Thursday Dec. 12. 67

Greishka says that the wood I have taken so much trouble to get, will not do doesn't split straight. as there are no Indians here I shall have to wait till Hurill gets back before I can get any more. Bad headache all day, throat a little better. Fish few in the Compans trap. Get out some specimens but feel too ill to label them.



Friday Dec. 13, 1865  
Feel sick and miserable. Do nothing all day. -35 below zero - Alexandria sick with fits - Russians gambling all night. Turn in early - and pass a sleepless night.

Saturday Dec 14, <sup>Bath today</sup>  
Get out the remaining specimens and finish labelling them. My collections amount up now to 1350 lots of specimens of which a good proportion are birdskins. Blue Alexandria who has one of the fits which seem to be epidemic here now. Kurilla will be due tomorrow. Day warmer - 15 only and poor fog & snow in evening.

Sunday Dec 15  
Morning, better weather - 18 - clear. Do nothing all the morning. About 3 o'clock four sleds come in sight. No fish in the trap - about half past three Kurilla, Johnny and two Indians with the



the sleds. Popoff has sent two dogs all he had. Stepanoff contrary to his promise having taken the rest. I will pay him for his kindness bye-bye. They have brought all the goods but one bag of oil left at Ulukuk. There are six bundles of ukali left at Unalakleet. They have four Mahlemut dogs, and 13 of mine. Slept twice on the parrenose. Took 260 ukali from Unalakleet. Isaac, God bless him sent two dogs. He is an A No. 1, Indian. Found the little axe.

Ingechuk abandoned his hoosker at Woollysatux. All the Indians are sick with cold pleurisy etc. It is a bad year. All the Indians are going to an egrushka at Sakitsky given by Tekurka. Ivan Tyon is at Coltoy. The Indians are killing deer on the parrenose.

They have brought the barometer but it is broken and useless.



## Waiting & Watching

I am sitting in my loghouse by the still  
and frozen Youkon,  
Sitting, thinking, dull and lonely, sad or  
silent - all the day.  
Waiting, watching for the dogtrains, for  
a friendly face to look on,  
Even of a swarthy Indian from the  
seaside far away.

Even while the smoke is curling, round  
my head in festoons wreathing  
And the well filled pipe I'm smoking  
quicken with a peaceful glow  
And I should be quite contented, sud-  
denly a sigh I'm breathing  
And my thoughts ~~of~~ are ever running  
over scenes of long ago.

And I find <sup>those</sup> my thoughts unbidden, airy  
Spanish castles rearing;  
Peopled with shapes familiar on the far  
Atlantic shore.  
Golden visions; but they vanish, ice  
and snow and gloom appearing

Monday, Dec 16/67

Cut up ukali and boil it to feed  
the dogs - make a fire in the  
house to warm it & dry things  
Open and unpack various boxes  
and bags and put the store in  
order. Get a loaf of bread (to  
be returned) from Yagorsha -  
Get some beads and tobacco  
from Ivan - No fish and as  
tomorrow is a holiday the  
Russians will stay at home  
hungry, rather than go to the  
fish trap and get what may be  
in it. My contempt and dis-  
like for these miserable wretches  
cannot be expressed in words  
Day after tomorrow I shall go  
to Makiteski to buy fish &  
other grub and leave a lot of  
dogs - as there is nothing for  
them to eat here, literally

Tuesday Dec 17

Morning - The Nowikakat Lyane  
and seven men and a boy &  
three light sleds and a lot of  
furs to sell - When some distance



And the shadows and the silence,  
seem more lonely than before.

W. H. Daw Dec 15. 67.

off the Russians start the gales &  
load their guns, afraid that the  
fort is about to be attacked by  
eight men & a boy - Make the  
old chief a present of some  
tobacco; when he immediately  
strikes me for a seine, powder  
ball, a gun & blanket which  
of course, I give him -

Buy some fish of Yagorsha  
and fifty ikali of Paspilkoff  
Yagor serves me one of his  
usual dirty tricks, too long to  
set down but adding one to the  
score which I have against the  
Russians - Sleep at home for the last time

Wednesday Dec, 18

Bought a flint gun of one of the Hov  
ikahyat Indians last night - for a  
new shirt, 40 rounds of powder and  
20 ball & 1 lb of plug tobacco. Get all  
the dogs (16) together and put them  
into a Russian sled, and leaving  
the house in Yagor's hands, who prom-  
ises to keep it warm, start rather  
late for Woolly satux barrabara, with  
Peetka, Kurilla & Johnnie. Arrive



## Science -

I see before me a majestic form  
clothed half in bright-ness, half in shadow  
veiled;

a brow sublimely broad and smooth.

An eye

Beneath whose calm regard, hot Pas-  
sion dies.

A mouth so grave and firm, a second  
glance

But half reveals its sweet benignity.  
One arm upraised, upward & on-  
ward points.

Where distant stars, unvaried cour-  
ses hold.

Ordained and fitted when from Chaos  
sprung

The Universe of Law.

The other hand

Extended towards me seems to beckon  
on.

Whither? A voice so strong & clear  
and sweet.

early having; for the first time  
in the country, ridden on the  
sled nearly all the way. Woolly  
his wife & boy are all quite sick.  
Woolly with cold & bronchitis, his  
wife pneumonia, & boy slow fever.  
The boy is terribly emaciated &  
can't live long. He was a bright  
little fellow & a favorite of mine.  
Got me a partridge, an owl & a loosh.

Thursday Dec 19

Start early and pass up a  
slough of the Yukon and into  
a low rolling country full  
of small lakes and marshes  
(where I find tamarack grow-  
ing as at Ukukuk) and near  
night reach Big Sidoras  
barabara where we ex-  
pect to sleep but finding  
only three women there &  
they just leaving for Te-  
kunkas barabara, push  
on with them till we reach  
it. It is on a small river  
right bank, and rather high  
a great many Indians



It thrills my very heart with ecstasy,  
And rouses all the ardor of my soul,  
Replies; "Follow, I lead the way of  
Truth,

The path is rugged; painful is the  
road.

The goal is distant; but the prize is  
sure

For those who walk in truth & earn  
eternity.

But he in whom Truth is not,  
let him rest

In his own haunts, nor venture  
in my path. —

Angels are spirits void of guile or  
sin;

Free from temptations; Gods swift  
messengers.

Knowing His Laws; and hence their  
high estate.

Man who withstands temptation,  
thus may come

As higher than an angel, to his  
God.

Who follows me, may knowledge  
also gain

But seeks his Maker with a

there from Ukukuk & else  
where. — Put the sled on  
the roof of his house, feed  
the dogs and go in. The  
epuskka is in full blast  
and the place crowded with  
Indians. The consequence  
is that I get no sleep all  
night as they are singing  
& dancing in the house  
till day break —

Friday, Dec. 20

To day is the last day of  
the epuskka and there  
is nothing to be done but  
wait till tomorrow if  
I want to buy anything  
the Indians are cooking  
meat & mixing berries &  
all day. — After noon go  
out & fix a camp to  
sleep in as there is no  
room to sleep in the house.  
Boil a piece for dinner  
and have raw white fish  
frozen, for supper. — Tek  
unka gives me five marks



clearer sense  
As angels do, of love and rever-  
ence."

~~It ceases; but the accent~~  
But he must labor hard and long  
and well."

It ceases, but the accents in  
my soul  
Ring like an echo from another  
sphere.

I fain would make reply, but  
sluggish speech  
Embodies not the flood of welling  
thought.

Oh, Mother Science, mistress  
of the world,  
And of a thousand thousand worlds  
unknown;

Of all the secrets of the nether sphere  
Of all the truth and majesty of Law  
That guides the workings of the  
Universe,

I fain would follow where thy  
footsteps lead.

Up to the very border of the  
Throne.

Loet him whose faith is weak,

and I give him two papo-  
les of tobacco. He gives four  
Indians full suits of  
deer skin, sables, beads  
& blankets &c. - Very tired  
sleep in the camp soundly

Saturday Dec 21.

Morning - Little by little the  
Indians bring in fish &  
ukali, all white fish or  
pike. Buy about 100 ukali  
and fifty fish - also two  
mats and a few berries.  
Settle up accounts with  
Sekunka so that we are  
square, on condition that  
he go down with me in  
the spring, to the Yonkon  
mouth. Buy three noka  
and Sekunka gives me five  
more. Get twenty martens  
from him on account of the  
gun I sold him. - Leardy too  
wants to go down the river  
in the spring. Will start  
tomorrow & go back another  
way by Leardy's barabara



in swaddling bands  
Of wilful blindness, strive to keep  
it warm,  
Encased in ignorance or bound  
with creeds,  
Be mine the task to search  
from Truth to Law  
Effect to cause and hence again  
to Law  
And from the Laws of Nature  
and of God  
Read deeper lessons of his wealth  
of love  
For every being in the Universe.  
And base a stouter faith and  
firmer trust  
On knowledge gained from study  
of his works  
Than ever bigot drew from rigid  
creed,  
Or faint heart found in timid  
ignorance!

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Dec 26. (1867).

Sunday Dec. 22. 1867.  
Start rather late with 8 dogs  
all the Indians are going  
home - Reach Deary's bar  
about 2 P.M. Buy a lot  
of fish & ukali, as much  
as we can carry - some  
berries, a mat & a noka.  
Push on some five miles  
further & make a good  
camp. Give the dogs a big  
feed & take a good feed myself.

Monday Dec. 23. (67).  
Start with the first light and  
push on by a very bad crook  
of road. Many reindeer, otter  
and fox tracks. See a large bea-  
ver house. After twelve, leave  
Kumil & the sled & push on  
snow shoes with Lotsa to the  
Yonkon. Feet very sore &  
hoofs give out. Stop & cut  
the blisters & reach Nulati  
at dusk say four o'clock. Ya-  
ger has some grub ready & the  
& the house is moderately warm.  
The sled in the house



fell down & broke all my  
slender store of crockery but  
a cup - I find too to my  
great sorrow that somewhere  
on the road I have lost my  
meershaun pipe leaving  
me with only one wooden  
pipe that holds a peek or  
thereabouts - Such is life.  
Kerrill arrives about two  
hours after me & we put  
the stuff in the store &  
turn in early very tired  
having walked over 30 miles  
on snow shoes today -

Tuesday Dec 24

Morning make flapjacks & bread  
fix up things in the magazine  
make a sieve - Sew up one plate,  
not badly broken, by boring holes  
with a small awl and then  
tying strongly with thread. Make  
soup out of some young whitefish  
I bought for the dogs feed at Takile  
ky. There is nothing to eat here  
some how, no fish, rabbits or grouse  
& every body sick, a very bad year -



Wednesday Dec 23, 1867

Morning, sent Johnnie out to shoot a partridge which he succeeds in doing. Get up a Christmas dinner of baked reindeer meat, soup of young white fish, cranberry pie and ginger bread & tea. Make the pies & bread myself, and they turn out pretty well. Have Swan & Yagor in to dinner. Russians all drunk in the evening. Get up in the middle of the night to look at Swan who has fallen & hurt himself, but not seriously. I wonder what they are doing at home in this pleasant season. It is very lonely here with only an Indian & a half breed boy for company, but I can't bring myself to associate with the Russians they are such a despicable set of mean devils.



Thursday Dec 26 (186)

Morning Kurill goes out  
after trees for the fish trap  
make bread, boil the dog  
feed & get soup ready for  
dinner with John's  
help. when Kurill comes  
back feed the dogs. Pay  
man for my board &  
get some cups mended —

Friday Dec 27

Make bread in the morning  
make a pair of scales to  
weigh out tea & sugar — send  
Kurill for water — He goes  
out after rabbits but finds  
none. Have a good hot bath  
get some cups mended. Ivan  
goes on a rampage & breaks  
everything he can lay his  
hands on — snow in P.M.

I cannot understand  
why the warm weather  
holds on so. Last year at  
this time it was 30 & 40 below  
zero & it has been for many  
days now steady at 10 above —



Saturday Dec. 28

Label a lot of specimens. Give Lemoshka, who starts for Woolly satux in search of a Thosaker among the Indians congregated at Sidorkas egrushka, some medicine for Woolly who is very sick. Johanny makes some snares & starts out to set them.

Fixed the dogs. Ev. Read Machine.

Sunday Dec. 29

Morning Kurill gets some wood into the house and splits it for the morda of the fish trap. Russians get a sled load of fish from the trap. Evans baby is dead & Nuttallia very sick. Put all my fish & mammals into alcohol. 15 below zero beginning to get a little colder.

Monday Dec 30

Morning Kurill works over the fish trap trees. Paspilkoff brings in his ukali 16 short which he promises to make up with fresh fish by pet



bye. Lemoshka arrives  
from Woolly satux with  
partridges, but is exorbi-  
tant in his demands &  
let him wait for his pay.  
Boit two Kettles for the  
dogs. Hovilno arrives from  
right from Koyoukuk -  
Yapor has taken Lutsis in-  
saker for himself & the  
poor fellow has shoredress  
Such are the Russians  
at least in this district -

Tuesday Dec 31

Morning Kvill works over  
fish trap. Russians get plenty  
of losh - Skin an owl - Give  
Farentoff some thread to make  
snazes - Write to father. Feed  
the dogs. Yapor takes Hovilno again.

Wednesday Jan 1, 1868

- 30°. Make a pie. Kvill goes out shoot-  
ing but gets nothing. Very cold. Have  
Yapor & Ioan & Farentoff in to din-  
ner of losh soup, stewed deer meat -  
(the last of it; saved for the occasion) &  
cranberry pie with side dishes of



black bread, and tea. Let Tallowilno  
to work on a parki. Do nothing,  
in honor of the day. Tomorrow I  
shall start in to weigh out our  
sugar tea & flour - as it is evi-  
dent if we don't retrench, we  
shall be out of these invaluable  
articles before spring. - If it ac-  
tually comes very close to the wind  
I am off to the Ulukuk parrenose  
after deer. But it hasn't come  
to that yet.

Thursday January 2, 1868 - -40°  
Morning. Feed the dogs - Mend  
a cup. Johnny brings in a rab-  
bit from his snares. Weigh out  
sugar tea & bread - Kurill &  
I, 1 lb bread per day, 3 lbs sugar for  
January, Johnny, 1 lb bread, 1 1/2  
sugar, Peetka 1 lb bread 1/2 lb sugar  
and 1 lb tea for all hands for  
the month of January. - If  
we keep this up we shall do  
very well & hold out. I shall  
save my sugar to take on  
the road rather than use in  
the house. Lots of fish in trap



Friday Jan 3, 1868

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Morning. Peetka shuts the draft in the peetka while there is a large bed of coals alive in it, and the consequence is that the first thing I know, one Indian falls in half convulsion and while I am administering restoratives, I am seized myself in the same way. Go out across the yard and fall in a dead faint, and do not come to myself for some minutes. Lie down all day with a fearful headache. So much for a little carbonic acid gas. The French who take this way of committing suicide show very bad taste. I think, as it is terribly painful.

Saturday Jan 4

-15-

Feel better. Feed the dogs - Get some fish. Buy three loaves of bread from Temoshka, and twenty lob from Yagorcha. Greishka ties up one morcha for the fish trap & Kurill goes out & finds a place to put it which will take about 15 resit kas.



Sunday, Jan 5, 1868

Russian Christmas. Russians  
drink & L-L to pay all day.  
Breakfast & chipeet with Ivan  
Take tea with Yagorsha - Get  
three loaves bread from Paspil  
koff and 30 fish mostly losh  
from Yagorsha who owes 13 losh  
more & Paspilkoff 10 losh -  
Feed the dogs & boil soup - Make  
a new whip & fix the door  
so that it will shut itself -  
Today is a great holiday  
with the Russians -

Monday Jan 6

Buy 20 more losh of Yagorsha  
Feed the dogs - Kurill is out of  
humor & sorts all day - He  
wants me to give him rum  
and I won't do it. It is bad  
enough to have to give it to  
the Russians, without terror-  
alizing Indians too - He threat-  
ens to leave me if I refuse  
but will probably think better  
of it. In any event I refuse -  
though I could not replace him.



Tuesday Jan 3

Yesterday afternoon Woolly, Satup  
(whose boy, poor fellow, is dead) &  
other Kainuk Indians arrived.  
Today is one of those unfortu-  
nate days when everything  
seems to go wrong. Vasili  
the old rascal wanted to take  
his sled back and actually  
took it off the cache - but  
I took it away from him  
& put it back again. Pay  
him a \$4 of tobacco 40 rounds  
of powder & 20 balls for it -  
Pietka leaves the dogs fed  
without any fire & the dogs  
clean out the kettle & to make  
up for it builds a big fire  
& burns the soup to a cinder.  
3 of my dogs are dead. went  
mat at Takitesky, Carpo  
backs out of his agreement  
to cut the stakes for the fish  
trap - Give him a good rating  
To make up, buy ten vesilky  
and one morda from Sidor-  
ka which will help a good deal.



Wednesday Jan 8

Kurill & Johnny go out to cut stakes. Peetka & Adonias leave for Woolly-satur-barabara to bring up the resitkas. Greishka works over fish trap withes. Boil the kettle, and get grub ready for them when they get back. Get some washing done. Fish very few in Russian trap - Headache all day.

Thursday Jan 9, 68

John brings in one partridge from his snares, a fox having carried off one - Get Adonias to make some more snares. Kurill makes two shovels for clearing off snow and ice at the fish trap. Yavor & Nodil ni go off on a ramble to Koyou-kuk - In considerable suffering all day from headache & sneezing.

Friday Jan 10, 68

Rains! Greishka ties a collar for the trap. Kurill cuts willows to set it with. Have a bath but it is so warm that a perfect shower is dropping from the roof. Evening Peetka & Kasay arrive with the resitkas.



pretty wet & very tired - He broke the morda somewhat in the darkness - Andrei is still at Woollysatux barrabara - Sidorkas morda was so small that Peetka threw it away, and Woollysatux gave another, which he brought -

----- Saturday Jan 11. 68 -----

Morning. Warm +34 - Unprecedented weather, totally different from last & previous years -

Greishka ties up a sesitka, but one more is needed to finish up the trap - Kurill cutting wood.

Pay Greishka for his work in full. A fair lot of fish in the trap of the Russians!

----- Sunday Jan 12. 68 -----  
Russian New Years Day - 12th night. The Russians fired two guns. Kurill Johnny & Peetka go off to haul stakes to place where the fish trap will be set. Boil the soup & dogkettle. Take lunch with Ivan - Greishka has gone off to Koyoukuk before finishing his work.



Monday, Jan 13, 1868.

-18°- A little colder. Knut splitting trees all day for the fish-trap. Put away some birds - Johnnie brings in two partridges. Day after tomorrow will probably commence to set the fish trap. Evening, mend the old morda. Peetka goes off to Gajorehas trap without saying a word to me for which I give him a good scolding -

- Tuesday Jan 14 - 1868

Knut & Peetka bringing wood & water as they will be away all day tomorrow. I am not at all satisfied in regard to my health. Headaches, light fever, slight eruptions, and a painful swelling of some of the lymphatic glands lay me up every few days. I do not know what the reason is. I must manage to get to the Redoubt & back in March, and down the river in time for the birds. My collections once over & safe, I am careless as to what may follow. | Even being resitka all day



-12- Wednesday Jan 15-68-

Kurill, Paspillhoff, Yakovsha & the boys go down to the point to commence setting the fishtrap. They get the ice all cut and the stakes down, a very good days work. Boil the kettle Snake head which turns out first rate. Feet better today. Yesterday was miserable.

Thursday Jan 16-

Kygo off to the fishtrap and finish everything except putting down the net. Kurill sits on the sled and coming back one of the ice chisel catches on a lump of ice, throws him off & gives him an ugly wound in the groin. Dress it & put him to bed. It is unfortunate that we should both be laid up at the same time, as there are only the two boys to do all the work of the house being wood etc. Get a poor bath, not hot & water made

-10- Friday Jan 17-

Lay down all day, in considerable pain. Boil some rice for myself. Have a row with Yakuly who is an old fool. Russians don't get the trap



Yakutz & Inan by one, go down  
& finish setting my trap. In  
three or four days I shall look  
at it. Got some fish & plenty of um  
made a mistake here.

Lay down sick all day - Read  
a pile of "Liberal Christians". Inan  
will soon start up the river.

-4 Saturday Jan 18

Tallowilno goes out to set snaris. John-  
nie gets one partridge. Yajorah re-  
fuses to give me the fish he owes  
me although my dog have nothing  
to eat & we are in the same fix. Nothing  
but whale in the store. These worries  
add to sickness are very trying.

-5 Sunday Jan 19

- Get some stuff of Yajorah from the Rus-  
sian store - In a few days he will  
leave to be gone 20 days or more -  
Says he will go to Mowkakak but  
I doubt it - Get some fish of Yajorah.

-8 Monday Jan 20

Kuill manages to get to the fishtrap  
in the morning and thank God brings  
back six fish, which for the first  
time is very good. They are all



whitefish, three of them large.  
No fish in the Russian trap  
& put little in Zaporoshas.

Give Ivan some tobacco and a candle  
for his trip. He is to get me a little  
Koyoukumsky dog to take home if  
he can.

<sup>28</sup> Tuesday Jan 21.

Get some washing done. Boys go  
out after wood. Boil tea & feed  
kettle. Put a little better, but men  
very slowly. Read Moliere all day.

<sup>32</sup> Wednesday Jan 22.

Send to the fishtrap, 8 fish only.  
I don't know what I shall  
do to feed my dogs if the fish  
don't come in more vigorous  
ly. Either there are very few  
fish in the river or the warm  
weather or something else is  
at work keeping them out  
of the way. Ukali won't last  
much longer, and if there is  
no fish the dogs must starve.  
I must get my bidarra up  
after that the dogs may die or  
live as may happen.



Thursday, Jan. 23. 68

No bath today, I don't know why.  
Lent Johnnie out to set snares  
as starvation is staring us in the  
face. Rain & south wind - Morning 22°  
Evening 32°. Get a squirrel, & Kuril  
goes out & shoots a rabbit.

Friday, Jan 24. 68

12 fish in the trap, comprising salmon  
trout, loach, sucker, and two kinds  
of white fish - Soon I hope there  
will be plenty of fish. The trap  
has done very well so far - +28  
a very heavy snow storm. Get a  
bath, write to father in evening  
Feel rather better than I have done

Saturday, Jan 25 - 68

Johnny & Kuril go out & bring back  
two partridges, a rabbit, and some small  
birds. +30, rains a little; about nine  
feet of snow so far. Skin a partridge

Sunday, Jan 26

+36 - Rain all day - 8 fish only in the  
trap - Kuril & Johnny go off after  
rabbits bring back two, and three  
partridges. Skin three birds. Vile  
weather entirely different from last year



Monday Jan 27. 1868

+42 - The boys go after wood and I get some washing done - Buy some wickings. I want  
might a change of weather, N Wind & -6.  
I hope & trust that we are going to have  
some cold weather, I am off beaver tail  
soup - Feel better than for some time -

Tuesday Jan 28. 68

-12 - Cold & clear. First fine day, this  
winter. Kurill goes to the fish trap  
& then to his sable traps. Returns back  
12 fish, a sable, a black pine grouse, &  
a whiskey jack - Skin them in the  
evening. If the fish don't come out  
better now, I shall start with Major  
when Ivan gets back, ~~from~~ the Redoubt  
as I must get some flour, & the bidara  
up, and then if I can't feed the  
dogs; why they must starve, The  
snow is hard now, with a good crust  
& fit for travelling. It is too bad not  
having any dog feed.

Wednesday Jan 29

Morning, clear and fine -15°

Petka brings me in a rare bird  
Buy 12 ~~sables~~ from Kurill - He &  
Johnny go after wood - About



noon two Indians come from Tak  
itesky and Ivan bidarshek & his  
sledge from Okterniks barabara.  
He brings back only a black bear skin  
and one lynx, nothing else. I think  
he wouldn't get to Norikakat.

Thursday Jan 30

Only six fish in the trap. Skin a  
bird. Toward evening have an  
attack of intense pain Pass a sleep  
less night.

Friday Jan 31

On my back all day. Can't move for  
pain. Take a Doan's powder at night &  
sleep better. Yagor comes in to see me.

Saturday Feb 1 <sup>Russian bath</sup>

Feel better but still can't move about  
much. Only 7 small fish in trap. I  
must get well & start for the Redoubt  
about the middle or end of this month.  
Yagor leaves in a few days as the Rus-  
sian dogs, too, have nothing to eat. Killed  
traps in some small birds. Weighted traps.

Sunday Feb 2

Better a little. Kuntl brings in birch  
to make a sled to bring up the bidar-  
ra on. but it is crooked & short. Get



bedarshiks permission for Paspilkof  
to work on the sled on Compa's line  
I to pay him, of course. Skew three bird  
label & put away a lot of specimens

Monday Feb 3, 1854

Morning. Kuril & Paspilkof go after  
birch & bring back what is needed  
for the sled. Johnny & Peetka go  
off after a deer whose track is  
on the Mulato River but he is  
far away, by this time. About  
3 P.M. there is a commotion as  
some body says Stepanoff is com-  
ing. About 4 P.M. arrives and  
proves to be Cameronoff, Lukeen,  
and Aloska with two sleds and  
12 dogs, from the Redoubt. They bring 2  
little bags of oil for Ivan and  
a keg of molasses & some salt & give  
a present for Stepanoff for me.  
Of course they didn't come to bring  
these things merely. I asked for  
news if any post had arrived  
from Sitka. They said they "didn't  
know" which I know was a lie.  
But I afterward hear a rumor  
to the effect that it has arrived.



that the Russian Co is wound up  
and all hands to go back in  
the spring, the vessels to be here  
as soon as the ice leaves.

That the Russians will not go  
to Nuklukahyet in the spring  
and Ivan is to start day after  
tomorrow for the Redoubt instead  
of Yagor. Part of this is bad  
news for me for if the ships  
come very early I shall not  
be able to make as large a  
collection as I wish below  
and if they do not go to Nuk-  
lukahyet, how in God's name  
shall I get Johnny home?

Tuesday Feb 4

Buy a pair of water boots for Kurilla  
from Lukeen. He tells me that the  
Russians will all leave in the spring  
that Pavloff will go to Nuklukahyet  
in the spring & that Americans are  
expected here then. He offers to sell  
me 40 martens. They won't leave till  
day after tomorrow - Royoukowsky  
are coming back from the hills as  
there are no deer - Paspilkoff at



Bath today  
at work on the sled, 6 fish in the  
trap after standing three days -  
Wednesday Feb 5 -

Cannoff & Lukeen have concluded  
to go to Koyukuk and see if they  
can raise any furs, and then  
come back and go to the Redoubt  
with Ovan. I may go at the  
same time although I had rather  
go alone. Followish brings in ten  
partridges from the unares -  
Johnny gets none. Boil one of  
Stepanoffs geese for dinner but  
not having been soaked, it is very  
salt. Get an Indian to be up a  
morda for me as one of mine is  
a bad one - make bread.

Thursday, Feb 6  
New fish in the trap. Lukeen & Can-  
noff off to Koyukuk. Get my shoes  
repacked. Get dog harness  
sewed. I have many misgivings  
as to my journey for I get bet-  
ter very slowly and I fear I  
may get worse & break down on  
the road. But it can't be avoid-  
ed in any way I can see.



Friday Feb 7.  
Bath. Feel more pain than for  
several days previous. Bake  
a boxes powder. Make bread in the  
evening for subsistence for the road. The  
Russians expect when the boat gets  
back from Nerklukahyet to make  
a raft put all their goods on it &  
abandon the fort & the women to  
their fate whatever it may be.

Saturday Feb 8  
Morning 5. Kuitill & the boys go  
out with all the Indians to beat  
the willows for rabbits & bring back  
5. 15 fish in the trap, get  
fish from Napasha & 1 from  
Sarentoff. Better in the morn-  
ing & worse again at night.  
Finish fixing my snowshoes &  
my skis in evening.

Sunday Feb 9  
Finish my harness. Kuitill goes  
out & kills one rabbit & 3 coropas-  
kas. also a fine hawk & I buy  
another hawk from Temoshka.  
Skin them in the evening. Get  
a woodpecker & two squirrels



-5 Monday Feb 10 1865

Morning 14 fish in the trap. The Russians are setting a new trap near mine. A lot of Indians from Koyukuk came in. Tie up three pairs snow shoes. Buy mukluks in the peckka for the road. Get Mayroka to take charge of my fish trap while I am away. Tecunka came over from Takaitky last night.

-7 Tuesday Feb 11

Kovall & Johnson go after wood. Boil fox bones to clean them. Make bread. Get things today. Get work done. Cameroff will be here tomorrow and the day after we must start for the Redoubt.

-3 Wednesday Feb 12

Cameroff & Lukin arrive. Will leave day after tomorrow. I shall probably go with them. Paspil Koff has finished the sled and after a row with old Ivan by one I succeed in securing Peetka for the trip. 18 fish in trap. Pack specimens & empty cans to take to Redoubt.



-3 Thursday, Feb. 13. 68.

Get out trading goods & goods for my  
trip to the Redoubt. He up the sled  
it appears the age 40. Take on what  
for the food, a bag of fish & a bag of  
dry (specimens) a bag of tea & the  
usual assortment of things for the  
road. Evening pack the sled & everything  
things ready for our winter trip to the north.

Friday Feb 14

Start out with a heavy sled & 8  
dogs. the port Yukon sled on top.  
Walk about five miles of the  
way on snow shoes & feel very  
tired. Two months on my back  
or nearly so, has made me  
very weak. Sit on the sled the  
rest of the way. The Russians  
take some fish from the trap  
on their way. We are behind  
as their sleds are light & their  
dogs first rate. Reach Woolly  
satux barabara about 2 P.M.  
Conclude to divide the load &  
put the heaviest goods & 3 good  
dogs in the 1st sled. The Rus-  
sians put down my house to make  
a fire in the other.



Saturday Feb. 15. 68

Leave early Saturday before sunrise  
The Russians take some whaling  
from a cache on the big island  
Camp on the peninsula in the  
big trees not a great way from  
Coltoz. A little snow in the  
afternoon. Feel very weak &  
achy but not unwell particularly  
by thank God for it

Sunday Feb 16

Leave early. drink tea near the  
warm spring - Pass on over  
the peninsula and camp just  
the other side of Beaver Lake -  
have to dig down nearly  
six feet to make our camp  
in the snow. To a person  
coming from a distance, the  
smoke & flame coming out  
of the hole in the snow when  
every thing else was invisible  
with the black spruce in the  
background; must have looked  
like the mouth of Inferno  
sit on the sled all day -  
Knees very cold, almost frozen



Monday Feb 17 '68

Start early. Drink tea at Evans  
barrabara. Push on by Tapolove  
River, Vesolia Sopka & on to  
old Ukukuk where the Russians  
turn off but being ahead of us  
we don't see them & push on  
by the Indian road to the  
new village at Ukukuk where  
we arrive about dark. Sleep  
in Hamilcas barrabara. Buy a  
sable, a pair of snowshoes and  
a pair of boots. The time I have  
made today is as good as ever  
was made over the portage  
by any body & perhaps a little  
better. My dogs were poor &  
load heavy & road not over  
and above good.

Tuesday Feb. 18

Start late and reach New  
Ukukuk about 10. Left my two  
dogs, some fish and a piece  
of meat. The Russians catch  
up here and we push on &  
chi put about half way bet-  
ween that place & Analakled



Reach Umalakleet about 3 PM  
The last part of the road very  
bad. Drink tea & go out into the  
village with Matushka and  
after some trouble succeed in  
getting an indian sled to go  
to the Redoubt as our sleds  
are quite unfit for that road  
see all gone & we shall have  
to go by the land route which  
I cursed so last autumn -  
Get some boots of Astraskoi -

Wednesday Feb 19

Rise late. Get 1 lb of sugar 2 bread  
and 15 arka of Astraskoi. Buy two  
legs of deer meat & some venison -  
Make a whip - Tie up the sled.  
Sell the bag of oil now at Uluksuk  
to little Lidorka for 10 sables to  
be delivered in the spring - Get  
my blanket sewed. Pitch into berries  
pleby. Feel better than for some time

Thursday Feb 20

Morning - start from Umalakleet & pass over a very bad  
road mostly tundra and by the  
beach to Topanica, Ivan &



Barrenoff break their sled two  
or three times during the day.  
Our sled teams over ten or fifteen  
times but comes out  
whole. Andrea & Caruka are  
at Topanica and have killed a  
good many deer - Sleep in their  
barabara - Buy some meat  
of Andrea -

Friday Feb 21  
Start from Topanica early &  
cross Solsten Point and by Get-  
sover River where Nigornik is  
with a lot of Maklennuts killing  
deer - Bring up at a house near  
the Island where I buy an antelope  
deer & a leg of young meat. Sleep  
in a miserable summer hut very  
cold and a terrible wind blowing.

Saturday Feb 22  
Leave early, half frozen & reach  
Regie townik about the middle  
of the day - Have a fire made  
in the casino. Buy two bundles  
of frozen wanchine to feed dog  
when I come back. Sleep in the  
casino which is very comfortable.



Sunday Feb 23, 68

Leave Kojickovsk late and about noon reach the Redoubt. Very cold sitting on the sled, and half frozen when we arrive. Take a bath for which we are just in time. Tea with Stepan afterwards. He is in a bad humor on account of the small number of furs bought by Cameroff and Pavloff. See Yakutz & secure three good dogs for the back trip, and may get another from Lukeen - Shik him for a parkie. See Alanyan who promises to mend my spectacles & can tomorrow

Monday Feb 24

Get a parkie & boots of Lukeen also a pair of deer skin breeches from Chabounin, as I nearly froze my knees sitting on the sled with only cloth breeches & drawers on. Get my glasses from Alanyan. Buy a sled of Yakutz. We shall probably leave with Pavloff Thursday morning



for Unalakleet. Gregory Loan  
hoff will stop there. Chabourin  
and another will go to Nulato  
with us - Pay, Lukeen & Yakety  
for parki & dogs.

Tuesday Feb 25

A terrible wind blowing. The Rus-  
sians went on a spree last night  
consequence, nothing done today and  
Stepanoff out of humor; very reason-  
ably. However as I asked his per-  
mission, before I gave it to them;  
and told him how much, & to who,  
I don't think he can complain of  
me. Damn the liquor, I wish it  
was all poisoned before it got here -  
but if I didn't give them a little  
now & then they would steal it,  
and it is the only way I can get  
some absolute necessities here -  
I fear we shall have a bad road  
going back. The wind has doubt-  
less spoiled the ice beyond Kijiktownuk  
Promise Stepanoff to give the men no  
more liquor, and after ward refuse  
offers of 22 sables and noka without  
number, & 50 rubles for a bottle, to keep my word.



Wednesday Feb 26 '68

Get a dog from Greiska Ivanhoff.  
Get my goods from the store -  
to the amount of \$25.00 leaving  
me on hand \$150. So in Stepanoff's  
hands - Will leave tomorrow  
with Ivan, Shabounin, Matsou,  
Torvento Ivanhoff, and Lotsa -  
Buy a comelone parki of Popoff &  
pay him for the dog Andre killed.  
Stepanoff makes me a present  
of a pretty comb made of fossil  
mammoth ivory.

Thursday Feb 27

Start about 9 am. Leave a parki  
with Andreanoff & a collar  
with Lebenikoff. Have a very  
poor road with high but warm  
wind and wet ice that we  
can hardly stand up on. Reach  
Kegietowie about 1 P.M. and  
sleep in the casino for the last  
time I hope. Feed the dog with  
frozen wanchne. Tomorrow  
hope to meet Andre at Topan  
ica. Bad weather & probably a  
good deal of snow on portage.



Friday Feb 28

Start early & pass Golsover abt noon. Chi peet, & men's matemo sled near the island. See Ulyurika's brother near Golsover & give him some tobacco. Go round Tolstoi Point on the ice, an unusual thing as it is rarely ford enough there & reach Toponica where we spend the night, abt. 5 P.M. Buy a deer skin and a piece of wolf skin.

Saturday Feb 29

Leave Toponica early and over very bad ice reach Unalakleet before noon. Feel more unwell than since I left Nulato. Pay Chabounin for his breeches, take a Dovers powder & turn in. Break the Yakuts sled in the morning - mend it next day.

Sunday March 1

Buy a parki for Peetka & 1 for my self & a pair of boots for him. Get sled mended, get out stores & load two sleds at night.



Pay Ostraskoi. Get 20 ukali from him. 20 of mine have disappeared nobody knows where. These Russians will all steal & lie. Ivan Pavloff & Stepanoff are the only men I know of them in the country that won't steal & they have told me any member of wilful lies.

Monday Mar. 2. 68.

Morning pretty early leave Unalakleet. Load Lukens dog back by Matson. On foot half way to New Ulukuk which place we reach about 2 P.M. Tie the bidarra on the sled feed the dogs and buy a lot of ukali. Sleep in Matson's house. One of Isaac's dogs is here. I shall take him tomorrow. Andre hoped to steal him I think as he looked very mean, when I lectured him on the subject, before all the Indians.

Tuesday Mar. 3.

Start late. Paspilloffs sled breaks down at the first portage beyond.



New Ulukuk. The Russians leave us  
and pass on. Chabouin asks to  
take one of my sleds from here as  
he has so much baggage that I can  
not carry it. Get a young fellow  
from Ulukuk to take it, and take  
the heaviest sled an English one my  
self. Knivill cuts out a new  
runner of green spruce, we  
mend the sled & push on. Haimik's  
wife & a lot of ukali come along  
& I buy ten or fifteen. Push  
and though we do not know it  
at the time, pass the Russians  
and camp just beyond the Ustka  
Sopka. A strong wind & porga

Wednesday Mar 4

Push on past Ivans barabara  
nearly to Beaver Lake and find  
ing an old Indian camp we  
clear it out & camp there. The  
weather could hardly be worse  
The wind blows the vidarra over  
two or three times. Porga of  
the worst kind & if we were  
not among the trees it would  
be impossible to travel.



Thursday Mar. 5. 65.

Weather if any thing, worse. In the clear spaces between the clumps of trees nothing can be seen, the wind a gale, dead ahead and the air full of snow. Conclude as there is a clear space some ten miles long just past Beaver Lake to remain here we are for the day. The Russians come up during the day and pass on to the extreme edge of the trees where they camp about two miles ahead of us.

Friday Mar. 6.

Weather clear and wind gone down. Pass the Russians early in the day. Leave Peri valley & camp at the river beyond, the Russians with us. Give Ivan 7 ukoli.

Saturday Mar. 7.

Push on over a very bad road. Chi peat at Jackson's Head and finally reaching the Yopakpaas bottom and camp about ten miles above opposite an island on the river. Sleep little from the intense cold.



Sunday Mar 8, 1868

Start early and keep right up the river  
or not turning out at Woolly salix  
but chi feet nearly opposite that place  
There is no road and the snow thrown  
up into small drifts by the wind  
has a crust which breaks under the  
feet but not under the snow shoe  
which makes it very hard walking.  
Get my deer skin breeches and shirt  
perfectly flabby with sweat, sweat  
showing the sled; but the cold wind,  
always ahead, strikes a chill to the  
very bones on the slightest attempt  
to rest. Quite worn out we stop  
at Denison's Point and drink tea  
again just as the sun sets. Giving  
my sled to an Indian I run a  
head of the dogs to rest the mus-  
cles of my arms & back. Reach  
Nulato after dark about 8 P.M.  
Cache the vitarra. Find all right  
in the house. Change all my  
clothes immediately. Chi feet  
with Ivan and turn in but  
pass a sleepless night as I am  
too tired and feverish to sleep.



Monday Mar 9. 68.

Every body too tired to do anything & every thing in consequence at eight seven  
Paw Paspiloff for his sled & get him up  
from him - Get some fish from Yagor-  
sha - which he has cured me for some three  
months - Get a good hot bath -

Tuesday Mar 10. 68

Make bread which turns out poor  
The oven is broken so that all the  
hot air escapes - Get Yagorsha to  
mend it - 30 fish in the trap -  
Very little in the Russian trap -

Wednesday Mar 11

Send the dogs after wood. Day after  
tomorrow they will leave for  
Unalakleet - Get Emma to make  
a pair of boots for Johnnie - Get  
some washing done -

Thursday Mar 12

Write to Astracoi that I send him  
3 Yakutz & 3 Indian dogs - to send  
back word of their safe arrival &  
also my boots, give Tekinka  
my skin of oil and Isaac me-  
ther, his dog - Paspiloff sick -  
25 fish in the trap -



Friday Mar 13.68  
Horsman + Blackbird leave with the  
dog early in the morning. Also Tekum  
ka. Spend most of the day drawing  
out lead to make shot. I shall have  
to make all my shot by hand this  
year, a great job. Am going to make  
candles of deer fat of which I have  
a lot on hand. Get Paspilkoff to make  
a mount. Shall try to make soap too  
but the ashes here are very weak  
in alkali. Take a bath today.

Saturday, Mar 14  
12 fish in the trap. Make 3 candles  
which burn very well but they are  
not very hard & easily broken; the  
deer tallow being softer than or-  
dinary candle grease. A small  
portion of my nose today peeled  
off having been frozen in the road.  
The nail of my right great toe  
has also deserted me, its vitality  
having been destroyed by the con-  
stant wear of the snow shoe strap.  
Get some tobacco from the store.  
It is very bad, hardly fit to smoke  
and this is a great discomfort to me.



Sunday Mar 15, 64.

Pound lead into bars and draw it into wire to make shot; all day Johnny & Peetka go out hunting but get nothing. Feed the dogs and make about five lbs of shot. It is very tiresome work & I have got to make some fifty lbs of shot this spring. Make bread.

Monday Mar 16

Kunil & the boys go out & cut wood all day. I make shot in the house about 8 lbs.

Tuesday Mar 17

36 fish, ten losh, in the trap. This is glorious, Can feed the dogs & ourselves without trouble if this holds on a month longer. One of the morda is broken & I find on looking for them that the Russians stole all my fish trap wood while I was away. Get some ready split from Yajor sha the chief offender and tomorrow one of the rabotniks will tie up a new morda. Make a few lbs of shot and in the



afternoon make a small window sash to hold two panes of glass to replace the gut window, as it is getting to be warm weather and soon will be spring. Has not been below zero for several days. Paspilkeff pretty sick.

Wednesday Mar. 18.

Put the glass in the window. Make shot & roll it in the afternoon. Johnny makes me some balls. With Kurill saw through an immense log 2 ft 9 in in diameter which is one of six he has brought today. Roll shot. Evening make another sash for two more panes.

Thursday Mar 19.

Morning put in my glass. It is a great comfort to have the sunlight come streaming in after having been shut up in a box, as it were, all winter looking neither in nor out & with the gloomy gut window cutting off half the light. The glass was a present from Isaac



a Mahlemut Indian at Unalakleet. Run my old rifle balls into bars to make shot! - Get a lot of goods from the store today as tomorrow the papers go by Lolsa to the Redoubt - Buy 6 loaves of bread from Paspilhoff. The flour I got from the Redoubt is literally half straw & husks. It makes bread as black as a hat and quite impossible to raise unless sifted which diminishes it fully one half.

Friday Mar 20

Bath today. Make bread - Poured out lead for shot. Beautiful weather & quite warm. Days are getting long. Find a good deal of comfort & interest in a file of Chr. Instructors & Feb. Christian sent last fall by Capt. Hayes.

Saturday Mar 21

only ten fish in trap. Put down a new morda last time. Beat out lead all day. Peetka & all the other Indians staying here left yesterday on a hunting excursion after rabbits.



Sunday, Mar. 22. 1868

Beat lead all day into bars to make shot. Kurill & Johnnie bring wood. Make dumplings for dinner. Evening Kurill goes out to his barrabara to try & shoot a black fox which has been prowling around here for a week or two.

Monday Mar 23

The Russians take my dog to bring wood. Beat lead & cut it into bars & hammer the bars in to rods to draw into wire to make shot. Draw about 20 lbs & beat up 30 or 40 lbs more. Kurill & all working at it. Break my bone for drawing the lead & get Pab pilkoff to make another.

Tuesday Mar 24

Rukovitska & brother, Ivan & Corabati come with three sled loads of rabbits. Only about 20 of them. Cut up all the lead I have drawn & get it ready for rolling. 12 fish in trap. Ivan did not bring my gun but left



it where he has been hunting -  
for which I give him a good scold-  
ing. These Indians are incorrigible

Wednesday Mar 25

Morning, three sleds with rabbit  
meat come from Koyukuk. Pay  
about 75 rabbits for powder & ball.  
Pay 3 loads of powder or balls for  
one. Make shot with the new  
bone. Paspiloff has made for me.  
Woman arrives from Unalakleet  
bringing me a note from  
Astraskoi and a pair of boots.  
My dogs arrived safely - but  
some washing done. Very warm

Thursday Mar 26

A little snow falls - 26 fish  
in the trap which is doing bet-  
ter now. Make shot all day  
draw out about 15 lbs of lead.  
Pay Corabate for her two birds -  
Tomorrow all the Indians leave  
Ivan left today. Feel a good deal  
better now. Beginning to get a little  
flesh on my bones which were  
nearly bare - for sickness & worry  
had worn me down to a skeleton



Friday Mar. 27 68  
make shot all day. Kurill  
saw wood & sold out shot  
Have my shot which I have  
finished, weighed & find I  
have 25 lbs. Must make  
50 lbs to go down the river  
with & ten to use here

Saturday Mar 28  
Pull lead all day. Draw  
out about 15 lbs. 20 fish  
in trap. Squirreloff & another  
Indian come from Takaitsh.  
Johnny makes balls in the  
afternoon. He is an un-  
grate but young rascal &  
& has never thanked me  
for anything I have done  
for or given him. He  
doesn't like to work &  
I shall not greatly regret it  
when he is safely en route  
for Ft-Yukon.

Sunday Mar 29  
Make shot all day. Kurill  
cubs wood & goes out shooting.  
Beautiful warm clear weather.



Monday Mar. 30 - 68  
Draw out lead in the idell. Pas-  
pilkoff puts a new bottom in  
to my alcohol can. The old  
one is completely rotted away.  
Kurill is unwell & doesn't  
go to the fishtrap, but - brings good  
splendid weather. Have rabbits  
roasted on sticks for dinner.  
They are much better so than birds.

Tuesday Mar 31  
Squintzoff goes to the fish trap  
with Kurill - 26 fish - Make  
shot in morning, will soon be done.  
Set a mouse trap & catch two  
mice - or rather shrews. Set a  
fall trap for ermine near the fort  
and catch one, a little beauty.

Wednesday April 1  
Stoneman gets another ermine  
in the trap. There are many of  
them hereabouts. Set another  
mouse. Kurill hanks wood, cut  
up lead for shot. Have made about  
thirty pounds of goose shot & must  
make as much more for ducks  
and large snipe. Fine Aurora



Thursday April 2. 68.

Dog feed is plenty now - I have about - 200 whitefish frozen 50 or 60 ukali - 80 rabbits and 20 partridges, besides a piece of deer meat, plenty of fat, a few berries a bag of Beluga oil, two bags of flour and a few other articles in the store. This is refreshing and I can sleep well without fear of starvation - 20 fish on traps. Bell shot - Redoubt arrives.

Friday April 3.

Smith kills a lot of shot, then cook has nearly spoiled the pan - a hot & smoky bath. Bidarshik has taken Nacy to tantinone for his wife. She came with him.

He brought me two fine sables a piece of reindeer meat & some beautiful fat boiled from deer marrow and sweet as butter. Buy 28 mice of two species from a small Indian boy, & a fine blk grouse. Finish all my shot today about 2 1/2 bags - This ought to last till I get to the Redoubt.



Saturday Apr. 4

20 fish in trap. Bidarsnik goes with Kurill to look at it. Thermometer 80° in the sun. Clear the snow off the roof as the house is leaking badly. Russian Palm Sunday

Sunday April 5

Make bullets 450 - which with about 200 I have on hand will be plenty for my trip. Cut ditches to let off the water in the yard which is full of dung & dirt. The Russians too lazy to clean it out. House leaking like a sieve. Kurill & Johnnie cut wood in P.M. Whatever may be his faults I can certainly give him a clean certificate on the wood question. Very warm & pleasant weather, a very early spring

Monday April 6

Get my hair cut short by Tarantof. Long hair in this country is a great nuisance winter or summer. Kurill goes to the trap & gets 26 fish. The Russians with five traps got only 45. Two sleds from Koyukuk



Tuesday April 7, 68

Morning, start out with Johnny & attempt to scale the North Cliff after a crows nest & eggs which are there. Get to within about 15 feet of it but the risk is too great and we come back empty handed. Salt down about thirty white fish. The warm weather will soon spoil the fish on hand. Get clothes washed. Philcar arrives and gives me about 3 lbs of meat in return for 20 rounds of powder I gave him in advance. I demand to this, & he refuses to give any more, so I go up in the cache & get out about ten pounds more, myself. These Indians can't do the square thing, to save their souls.

Wednesday Apr. 8

23 fish in the trap. Take a bath. Tomorrow begins the Easter pasnicks of the Russians. Skin birds & cats & burn them. Jack arrives. Horatio leaves.



for good. A nuisance well rid of.  
Start making my sail. Make bear  
which turns out splendidly. Therm  
from 45 in shade to 50 in the sun.  
Thursday April 9, 68.

Lent out & get some spruce gum  
to mend my birch bark canoes. Salt  
down a lot of white fish as the  
warm weather is fast spoiling  
them. Boil down some molasses.  
Get 8 lbs of sugar from Chabouin  
skin & birds. Weigh my shot  
have made about 61 lbs. 34 of  
goose shot and 36 of duck shot in  
Russian weight.

Friday April 10.

32 fish in trap. Two loach, 8 whitefish  
10 suckers, 12 Hunketfish. The Rus-  
sian live traps get next to nothing.  
A lot of Indians arrive from Koyuk  
kuk.

Saturday April 11.

Easter Sunday of the Russians.  
Clean two guns thoroughly; don't  
do much of anything all day  
except work over the sail and  
skin a large gray owl.



Sunday April 12

Buy a small owl. Catalogue specimens to date & label them - 18 fish in the trap, one most a having come untied by accident - Kurill makes a pie of meat & rice after the Russian fashion which turns out very well.

Evening, some Indians who left the fort & camped a half mile or more up the river, come back after the fort gate is closed and say that they hear a sound of cutting trees further up the river, as if a large number of men, and beg to be let in, as they are afraid the

Notelkagut Indians have come down to fight the Russians & Koyonkins.

The Russians and all hands know of the threats made last autumn & winter by the Notelkagutsky and naturally feel a little uneasy. I

think it will amount to nothing but these occasional scares only call to mind the fact, usually ignored that we are like men standing over a powder mine, only a match is needed, to scatter us like dead leaves.



Monday April 13.

The Indians all leave for Koyoukuk nothing having occurred to break the general tranquillity. Get another large gray owl & an ermine skin from some Indians who probably did the chopping which startled us yesterday night. The Indians call this owl Nuhl-Tuhl or the heavy walker, it being very awkward except on the wing.

Tuesday April 14.

35 fish in the trap, mostly suckers and blanket-fish. White fish are scarce now. Buy a Koyoukuk's dog, for a fathom of drill & a Mahlamint dog. He is a bright little fellow but rather wild as yet.

Wednesday Ap. 15.

An Indian arrives with two large owl skins very badly made & two owls. Kurill goes out shooting & brings in four black grouse & one owl. I cannot skin any more of these owls as they take up too much room and



the bidarra will be terribly crowded  
as it is a very strong gale in the  
afternoon day cloudy cold -

Thursday Ap. 16.

25 fish in the trap - snow which  
soon melts a good deal of water  
on the ice near the bank. Skin  
a mouse & 3 vults - must get flour  
soon from Ivan to make sakas  
for the spring trip - Lotsa 26 days

Friday, Ap. 17

Get a good bath. Turn & a deaf  
Indian arrive from Koyoukuk  
bringing me some birdskins &  
2 sables which I return to him  
as the Russians naturally object  
to my buying sables here, al-  
though I have as much right  
to do so, as they have - Cloudy  
cold & windy all day

Saturday Ap. 18

20 fish in the trap! Skin two small  
owls. Kunik cuts wood. I bring  
wood for a mast and oars  
for the bidarra. Cold weather  
again everything frozen up.  
It is probably the last cold snap.



Sunday, April 19th 1868

Russell brings our wooden canoe from the island where it has been laying since fall. I am has the impudence to claim it as his, when to my certain knowledge it was bought & paid for last fall. New out two oars. The Russians working over their bidarra & slip for their raft, which last will be a failure I think.

Monday April 20th

20 fish in trap. Clear & quite cold - set a tobacco bag covered with small beads - Russians sewing boards for the raft - Nuttallia & family leave for the small river to set rabbit snares - After noon - all the Takilesky Indians including Sidorka & Nekunka & their wives Wolley Salina & Mikashka - Have them all in to tea and change my plans so as to take Likunkas rabbit-nik instead of Leanny in the spring.



Tuesday Apr. 21, 68

Will leave out cars & mast  
for the bidarra. Look for my  
birch canoes but they are  
still covered with hard snow  
& would most likely be injured  
if I tried to get them out  
now. In the afternoon  
Chabounin makes an unpro-  
voked assault on Tekunka in  
the Russian casarme. This  
Chabounin is a convict & a  
great rascal. The Indians  
are very angry & threaten to  
leave at once, but I own  
smooths it over. Give spot  
to Tekunka & Letonde to Lid-  
a-ka to feed during the sum-  
mer. Skin an owl.

Wednesday Apr. 22

12 fish in the trap, very small &  
lean. Soon there will be no fish  
for the water in the river is  
rising and will carry away  
the trap. Get a bag of flour of  
Ivan. Russians have laid the  
keel & will get their bidarra done



Thursday Apr. 23.

Get a bag of flour from Loan and make bread for sukaree for the road. Kurill makes an oar for the bidana and finishes the mast; make a pulley for it. Day cold but clear & fine.

Friday Apr. 24.

Bath today. Bread turns out well make about 60 lbs. When cold we cut it into slices & dry it in the oven till it is perfectly hard. This is what the Russians call sukaree & is a fair substitute for hard biscuit & bread while travelling. Get a beautiful snow bird: just like those plentiful at home in winter; and skin it. Buy a little meat & a small owl from an Indian just arrived from Konyukuk. Cold North wind all day.

Saturday Apr. 25.

Do nothing of consequence but dry sukaree all day. Evening. Peetka brings a hawk with an egg in the ovary & a lot of Indians with rabbits arrive.



Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

Morning, go up the river a  
bout five miles, with Peetka  
& Johnnie, and get the eggs  
out of the nest of the hawk  
he killed yesterday, there are  
two of them but they are both  
broken by freezing during the  
absence of the parent. Try my  
best to get up to a crow's  
nest but the risk is too great  
lose my sunglasses for which  
I am very sorry as I can  
not replace it.

Monday, Apr. 27

Lend Johnnie down the river  
to get some hawk's eggs which  
an Indian has reported as  
being there. He returns with the  
male bird & 3 eggs. In the course  
of the day the wind changes  
from North to South east, and  
about 4 P.M. a flock of geese  
the first of the season come  
from the direction of the Yukon  
River and fly across to the other  
side of the Yukon.



Tuesday Apr. 28. 1868.

Quite a heavy fall of snow in the night. It will soon melt however.

Continues through the day rendering work of any kind out doors impossible. Ten fish in trap.

Wednesday Apr. 29.

Snow & high winds continue. Get a gun cover made.

Kurill splits wood. Get 2 crows eggs from an Indian & a pretty snowbird. Make bread for sukaree.

Thursday Apr. 30.

Day cold & snowy, miserable weather. Afternoon Kurill kills the first goose thereby winning a pound of black tobacco which I had offered to whoever should kill the first goose. It is a black & white breasted goose & was sitting in the Nulato River. It is very lean & poor.

Friday May 1.

Morning early Kurill goes out and kills the first duck of the season a golden eye - quite fat - which



## The old man's Vision -

I had a vision once, my son  
When the wing footed hours of Youth  
Sped swiftly by: nor had begun  
The struggle between Wealth & Truth  
To rule the lens of my life  
And guide my steps through  
worldly strife -  
I wandered idly o'er the plain,  
Half listening to the cheerful birds,  
Half gazing at the yellow grain,  
Half noticing the peaceful herds -  
Yet feeling in that lovely spot  
The absence of — I knew not what.

I lay beneath the olive trees  
And watched the far off Appenines  
Flowers lent fragrance to the breeze  
That hastened from those dreamy pines  
And snowy peaks and forest gloom  
To revel in the rich perfume.

So slumber stole upon me there  
Beneath the silvery olive leaves  
Couches among fern and maiden -  
A furlong from the barley sheaves

I skin - Poor, smoky bath today,  
but a snowbird but little injured  
make a cage for him but he dies  
in the course of the day - I  
have a good many specimens of  
them - Boil the goose for dinner  
— In the afternoon a Sakia  
sky Indian brings me two hams  
and a breast of a brook  
This is a very welcome addition  
to our larder as the geese & ducks  
have not yet arrived in any  
numbers and we have nothing  
but salt fish & rabbits in the  
store. The last so old as to be  
hardly fit to eat - Skin 11 birds

Saturday May 2. 68  
Another man arrives from  
Sakia sky. Kurill finishes  
the oars and goes out shoot-  
ing but kills nothing. Get  
Yagor to mend Iohannis ram-  
rod & knife. Evening pro-  
pose to Kurill to go to Sakia sky  
& see if he can buy or shoot any  
game. Yagorsha & Later start  
tomorrow to buy meat there



And in a glory like a flame  
The vision of an angel came.

And opened to my inward sight  
A panorama of the world  
Tower and town, and castle, bright  
With glittering arms and flags  
unfurled,

Where rattling drums and trumpet  
blare

Burst through the stillness of the air.

And hamlet, brown; and cottage, poor.  
Where want and misery were rife,  
Sickness, strode in at every door.

Small mercy, if it left them life.  
Who daily labored, as the slave,  
Who drops into a welcome grave.

And as I wondered at the scene  
He put the question to me, there:  
"What-

Sunday May 3, 1888  
Kumuk leaves early for Lakotah  
Takes Leblond, Camuk & Jack in  
one of the H.B. sleds - Will be  
gone perhaps a week. Day  
cold & disagreeable. Some Indians  
arrive from Bayoukuking.

Monday May 4th  
Morning go with Johnnie and  
Pukka to the fish trap. Taking  
Baskin in the canoe with a  
mould skin for a sled. The water  
is very high & strong and the  
trap is a little broken. The  
fishing will soon be done. Get  
about 15 fish. Write & work  
over labels in afternoon. Swans  
and gulls seen today.

Tuesday May 5th  
Day warm & clear. Arrange  
a lot of labels &c. Go out &  
shoot mice which are running  
about in great numbers on  
the bank. Kill four with a  
bow & arrow. Afternoon  
Magasha arrives with a  
few rabbits and fish from



Killing the deer -

Working in the house with

Takaitky. Reports unfavourable  
as to Kurilla's prospects of  
killing deer & geese. In the  
evening Johnnie & Pedro start  
off on a shooting expedition  
on the other side of the river  
to be gone all night - leaving  
me like the solitary pelican  
in the wilderness, alone.

Wednesday May 6

Johnny comes back with two  
gray geese - No signs of Kurilla  
yet some washing done -  
Joan brings me in a fishhawk  
& I get two other birds new to my  
collection. Johnnie sleeps on the  
island. - Skin three birds.

Thursday May 7

Johnny comes back without  
any thing, takes his chi and  
off again, again uselessly,  
as he gets nothing. Day very  
fine & warm. Set my tent  
mended up as the border is  
very rotten from being so long  
uncamped at the Redoubt.  
Expect Kurilla but he don't come



Friday May 8

At night Paspilkoff, Chaboussin and  
Jennashka leave for Koyukuk  
to shoot geese if there are any  
there, as there are few or none  
here. Still no Kurill. Take a  
bathe. Paspilkoff & Yagov are  
making iron belts for the raft.  
Offer to exchange a crowbar  
for two pieces to leave with  
Kurill but Ivan is in one  
of his cross grained fits and  
don't want to do it.

Saturday May 9

Early in the morning Kurill  
arrives with five hares  
and two deer hearts, 9 geese  
and a duck. Besides a pair  
each of martens & mink.  
Johanne shoots two fishhawks  
Buy a small & pale gull in  
good condition from an Indian.  
Buy a black bears skull  
from an Indian. The bear  
was killed three days since  
near the Shownan mountain.  
Johanne kills a duck. Send  
a shoulder of venison in to Ivan.

Monday May 3

at the bar Washburn and the  
waterly are the Kuril  
near the Strait of Bering  
finally of the  
make out any title for Bering  
amounting to 300000 which  
is payable paid by American  
get any title awarded & back  
up a lot of traps. Capt Smith  
will leave in a day or two  
for Khatanga & thence to  
the - first Beringian house  
where which are doing very  
well - a lot of the Bering  
left - a lot of the Bering  
ad I have got through most of  
my work. Still Capt & a boat.



The thickish mounds are called Oona  
 at the Kogichu corner & Northern Bay  
 being say the earth is soft & they  
 have a near relative to dead as  
 with them - they are so after egg  
 good many eggs in Poutermouth below  
 in the rock. The eggs are not a  
 Capt Smith's last year a little while  
 for a little while. He found to  
 for Capt Smith. He will come  
 write and tell of looking for my fossils  
 have fossils and when drift  
 in with dinner with Andrew  
 & look to make with them  
 morning. Get up late. Go to  
 Johnson Aug 1st  
 left.  
 began in the afternoon. There  
 today. The morning hours with  
 from beyond and before arrive  
 after. Have a number of letters  
 take and drop down to the  
 make a box for a 2nd collection  
 sent to school. Pack it in  
 for water and leave for the  
 the Shickoff camp. Last action  
 July 31 1865

Sunday May 10  
 Get a few small birds. Kurill goes  
 over to the island and does not  
 succeed in shooting any thing  
 Yagorsha will. My canoe  
 tomorrow will pitch it  
 so that it will be watertight  
 till - sable to the Russians  
 for a comb, worth at home two  
 cents. Skin a few birds -  
 Monday May 11  
 Kurill starts off to the island  
 below the fish trap to look  
 for gase. Clean out the  
 stove thoroughly. Yagorsha  
 pitches the canoe. One swallow  
 arrives. Get some mink skins  
 dressed. Go down to the Nu-  
 lato River fishing but catch  
 nothing. Kurill comes back  
 having seen no gase. John  
 the birds a robin today -  
 Tuesday May 12  
 Saw wood. Make bread. Look  
 over the rocks for fossils but  
 find none. Fix the wind flay  
 & pulley of the bidarra mast



Wednesday May 13

Get a little unwell again -  
Get some mink skins dressed. Get  
a new bird & skin three birds  
Get two piecnies from Ivan - The  
Russians at work on their vi-  
darra which is nearly done.  
Finish my mast today - Kurill  
starts for Koyoukuk at night  
just before Petka arrives. P.  
says there is a good deal of  
water and many geese & ducks

Thursday May 14

Get all the birdskins labelled &c  
and begin to pack one large box  
to go down the river. Clear  
out under the bed & get every  
thing into a little better shape.  
Kurill comes back, the water  
being too high for him to reach  
Koyoukuk - Lemoshka leaves  
for Takaisky. Put my vidarra  
in the water. The Russian one  
is done but the Moutak is very bad.  
Buy a small birch canoe for an  
ape. There are no geese and the  
Russians are living on bread & tea

Wednesday July 29

The Anadimide leaves early in  
the morning. The Shikikoff  
men. We over hauled all  
the morning. Look a TBur

Put on clean knickerbockers. With  
in the evening. A sailing ship  
from the Comandante took  
a head of the shore of

Thursday July 30  
Packing. Looked at all morning  
Get my bag and of the shore

A letter from the Bergham  
like to much better today -  
Get some more. The rest of the day

The Shikikoff is at anchor  
a great way out with the  
top of the deck. I think all

hands are drunk and  
unable to work the ship or  
take in the water. Day is

evening. The ship is  
getting ready to leave for the  
toilet -







to use on the road - Petka & Bohun  
shot all birds - killing about  
15 specimens of some six species

Monday May 18

skin 13 birds. Write to MacDougal  
at Fort Yukon. Kunik kills 2  
geese - feel unwell all day. Can't  
sleep at night - Rheumatism or  
something like it - Never say die  
I'll pull through somehow -

Tuesday May 19

Morning skin 4 birds - Label &  
pack a great many - Get birch  
canoes mended - all hands short  
in the island - Johnny falls  
into the water but is caught with  
a good wetting - Kunik kills a  
windmill crane and one grouse  
& goes off after more to sleep on  
the island. Kills 7 ducks and a  
goose. Also a swan which fell  
where it was impossible to get it -  
go far up the Nulato River in  
the afternoon. Yeto arrives  
from Kattag. Matushka is going  
down the river to buy furs in  
the spring. See 22 geese on the river

on an...  
take down the road -  
board + as to the capacity of  
the boat the two men have  
the Capt. C. J. Edgemoor's  
in the morning...  
have where going well  
that from food & look at day  
light must for him but a  
boat...  
morning his...  
to go...  
Monday July 26

Deep River  
from the...  
the...  
adventure to...  
give it all off - go to the...  
packing to leave with...  
get and we will not have...  
they have not got off all the...  
Capt. Smith & Kell...  
from...  
the after noon go...  
arrives from the...  
hair -...  
set up late...  
Friday July 26



Wednesday May 20. '68

Today, last year the Youkon broke up. This year it will be 6 or 8 days later. Snow followed by rain in the night raises the water a good deal. Manook kills a new owl. Yeto leaves for Callag. A good deal of water comes down during the day. The track is well covered with snow yet. Sprinkles at intervals. Kurill kills one goose - & 4 birds.

Thursday May 21.

Cold and windy - water rises a little; dull weather with a south wind. Kurill goes out shooting. Kills a sandhill crane. Sidorka brings in several small birds. Give him some fine shot.

Friday May 22

Morning water very high compared with yesterday. Cold & windy. Bath today. The Russian raft is nearly finished. Skin a lot of birds & the crane Kurill killed yesterday. Kurill and Johnnie go over to the island and spend the night.

Morning not very late. Get tea & go ahead the afternoon. One there & come ashore with Smith & Wilson. Turn and set all my traps & markers. There are about 22 open did talk - and about 85 or 90 fair ones. Go in and see Benjamin. He is getting along fairly. Russian drinks again in the afternoon. Put the light on the floor. What leaves in a day or two - Ben is putting up a house of telegraph poles which Capt. Smith might learn from something about.

Saturday July 25

Little grub in front the afternoon & a little afternoon supper with Adams. Get dinner things with Kojanikoff & the other Russians leave with the Jankov under the charge. Make the morning. Give them a salute of an indefinite number of guns. Take a walk with Thomas in the morning. Take water, her husband & his sister all die at Thaklik. He then says from the effects of a poisonous plant accidentally dropped into the pot, by a little child. Have a bath.



Saturday May 23

Cold south wind. Water steadily rising but very slowly. Tom says this is the latest spring for 16 years - always previous by about the 20th or 21st the ice had left. Skinned 7 birds, 3 of them ducks and packed a lot more. Knirill brings in three geese & 2 ducks. Sidorka kills me a number of small birds. Paspikoff mends my alcohol tank which leaked.

Sunday May 24

Morning. Make bread using the last of our flour make 10 loaves. Skinned 10 birds. Write out catalogue & labels. About noon the Mulato River ice comes down but not very rushing as the water is low. About half past four P.M. the ice on the Youkon starts and moves slowly down about a mile but sticks on a sandbar and stops will probably get well underway tomorrow. Knirill leaves for the island in the evening.

is attempting him as nurse - Take a  
and face & arm in his room. Alberto  
miserable and see to feeding. Rough  
off to the kitchen to get some  
large to buy fish. Get some skunk  
then send my servant over to the oil-  
for marks to the amount of \$30.00  
get silver to the amount of \$40.00  
nally by paying 20 percent discount  
which he will not redeem, but it  
will be at Sitka, then get marks  
it until the age is settled, which  
receipt to Singer who will not pay  
bill on Olepant settled. Take my  
money by my best to get my  
Friday July 24

boarding house is closed -  
no further notice that the  
of head and Adams as being  
over, water, and further to keep  
since the lot of mine - but  
\$1,200, money, sold by Olepant  
\$6,000, for the Alekhin to -  
the result of the account of  
through with the account of  
well - the Captain Singer gets  
have asked - He leaves at 10  
leaves in the P.M. and get my



Monday May 25

Morning. Kuril comes in with 6 ducks + a goose - work over the bidarra, fill the mast & cover locks, tie up the frame thoroughly and do everything needed except rubbing the seams with fat which will be done when we are ready to start. Ice moves very little during the day - after noon get a great many small birds - skin some 13 of them - Several are new to my list -

Tuesday May 26

Ice still sticks fast - if my men were here I would start down the river in the water close to the bank. and when the ice did start haul up and wait. This date last year we started up the river. Now the ice is not yet broken up -

Skin 18 birds, a long job, label + catalogue them. Get my canoe up to dry - bind salt for the trip. Cold north wind all day get some more birds and go to bed with a splitting headache

Wednesday July 22

Morning windy & rainy - work over the bidarra with Arno, Oskano & the others - then go off to

Ridell & Smith - dress his hand which is very painful & then go down in the cabin. The center door is read & he makes a detour

accident against the Captain's side. We are gratified a commission of inquiry is decided whether Barkham is in

no right mind and whether the bidarra could be trusted to take down the river -

He all come to the conclusion that if the bidarra is taken off the river & Barkham goes down in another vessel, the

captain will do well enough. Can others leaving Capt Smith ahead the others - Rybenko off

in past off today & all our men. Morning & windy again in the morning - but a pair of birds in 6 o'clock (see page 100) - go a



Tuesday July 21  
 He arrived & finished dressing  
 Berhane face with the lead  
 wash - came back to dinner  
 He kept alert in the new boat  
 except Mike, who sleep to see  
 the other boat off tomorrow -  
 the pass very well and over  
 got into the canal - in the  
 afternoon the schooner from  
 sea side came in with Capt  
 Smith - so ahead & see the  
 Captain and get his letter  
 we from Capt deamen &  
 we from deamen who has  
 gone last - I find to my  
 great surprise and right  
 that that same canoe in  
 ship returned jumped up a  
 charge against me of doing  
 buying order or order of  
 not they in his order, and  
 cut off 6 months of my pay  
 or that instead of having  
 566 dollars to my credit  
 have but 16 - But I think I can  
 make that right without of them

Wednesday May 27. 68  
 River clear of ice near the  
 fort, above & below sticks fast  
 make balls for my rifle - Pack  
 Scientific outfit for the trip -  
 skin & birds - and catalogue  
 them - Knell goes over to the  
 island in the evening -

Thursday May 28  
 Morning, go up to the little river  
 to look at the barrier of ice -  
 find an old canoe, make a  
 rough paddle & cross the river.  
 find some good fossils but  
 the ice suddenly gives way  
 and I drop them and run a  
 race with the ice & water to  
 the end of the point - on one  
 side a perpendicular wall of  
 rock & on the other a surging  
 mass of ice & water rapidly rising  
 over the six feet of beach between  
 Reach the point just in time  
 to save myself & the canoe  
 and the axe, which I left in  
 a log on the beach, is in im-  
 minent danger of being car-



tied away - secure it, and  
 haster across. Look back  
 & see the ice piled up over the  
 beach against the rock at  
 least twelve feet high, where  
 I had been walking ten  
 minutes back - Make haste  
 to the fort meeting an Indian  
 who came to look for me  
 fearing I was lost in the  
 ice. Water rises at least  
 three feet in an hour, and  
 the Russian raft is afloat  
 a few more days will take  
 me away, if the Indians arrive.  
 Pack powder & make covers  
 for boxes in P.M. Boil all  
 my sugar into hard cakes  
 more convenient than the  
 fine sugar for the road -  
 Put leather round the oars  
 to prevent their wearing out.  
 Get a knife-sheath made.  
 Ice is leaving now in good  
 earnest, rain and snow in  
 the afternoon will swell the  
 water which promises to be very high

Riddle & Albion. The Captain  
 and party off Beane near Altho  
 are going to leave tomorrow  
 Arrangements made to Little, Anise-  
 ocher to make with Seenuka  
 Thagata. Kiyukit to the  
 late track and Wilkoff & R.  
 mainly are not yet settled but  
 Thagata will see up -  
 Thursday July 20 -  
 morning. Look over my goods  
 & work a little - go about the  
 ashore & dress English and  
 things - go over to the  
 fire & fix up some medicine  
 for me of the oven - Take dinner  
 with the mate and go ashore  
 with Capt. Riddle & Albion -  
 a little while after move all my  
 things up into the room Beane  
 has in the fort and sell my  
 tent to Beane for 50c. Tent up  
 the tent, as we will start to-  
 morrow - get my medicine about  
 down into the passage as they  
 are going to start over the  
 camp saying skin and away may  
 move up with them.



Bath today for  
the last time

Friday, May 29th

Work all day packing for the trip  
nail up and make water proof  
a box of specimens, the number now  
amounting to about 1480 - of which  
some 400 are birds, mammals, or  
fish - Get Yagorsha to pitch my  
canoe again - Pay Fallovilno  
for various items of work, also  
Anna, Sidorkas wife - Ice leaving  
all day - Get things pretty nearly  
straight for leaving - Make a frying  
pan handle and a chynik top -

Saturday May 30th

Work all day packing up  
things and at night get every  
thing together so that I can  
start at an hours notice.  
Get all the Russian stores  
out of the storhouse so that  
it contains only my own food.  
When I leave I shall put  
a padlock on the door and  
do not think the Indians  
will trouble it - If any Am-  
ericans come there are many  
things that will be of use

Go off to the schooner & see Bingham  
who is getting better - He offers me a free  
passage to San Francisco if I will go  
down with him, but I would not if  
he paid me any amount. They are a  
very queer lot about the schooner. No  
attempts to have any success  
come back & get my foxglove there  
but finished - He offers me a free  
at home to dinner with Captain

Friday July 19

150.00

Go off to the schooner with Dr. M.  
Bottle - Come back & get my notes  
thing & see the Russian goods sent  
of the magazine, only mine remain  
not there. Work a little over my  
house. The young Captain, whom I  
gain a couple of hours to, last  
night, bring me a few specimens from  
Oumakakka - Some birds, all  
day - Spent part of the afternoon  
with Adams who is very much  
because I have been here tonight -  
Barkins & want give it up -  
He got all the old R. & C. goods for



Friday July 14 1866  
 Rice very early & we landed at 4-  
 one - they are going to turn every  
 thing & every body out of the fort  
 except what belongs to them or their  
 work people - Adams tells me how  
 sure that my boxes will not be  
 disturbed and I may have a room  
 in the fort by & large when it is  
 turned over to the Hutchinsons &  
 which has brought all the old  
 goods & buildings of the R.A.T.C.  
 early in the day are put away  
 that Bergheim on the 13th. I returned  
 have thrown himself up with powder -  
 go aboard & find him in great agony  
 with the hand very badly burned & his  
 face pretty well scorched. There is a  
 chance for acquisition of attempt to  
 commit suicide - Dr. has no means  
 go ashore & send Oliver to look after  
 him till the evening when I will go  
 aboard again. The little Jew has not  
 up & start in the night but Adams  
 threatened to burn him out. Work  
 my boxes in the P.M. go on board  
 the schooner and see Bergheim in  
 the evening see Bergheim & Adams

to them - In case I should  
 come back ditto. Kurill kills  
 a ring necked goose & a white  
 goose at one shot in the  
 morning - and goes over to  
 spend the night on the island  
 in the evening - get my clothes  
 all washed up - Water falls -

Sunday May 31st 1868  
 Ice still leaving - No signs of any  
 Indians - If they do not come  
 tomorrow I may take Monday  
 and start with him and Kurill  
 for Kallay where I can get an  
 other Indian - Sidorka arrives  
 kills one small beaver. Has seen  
 no Indians. Plenty of ice in the  
 small lakes yet - Get Johnny's things  
 ready to start tomorrow, I am ex-  
 pecting to start in the morning -  
 Skin a new duck & a loon's head

Monday June 1st  
 Early in the morning I go & get  
 his things together and with Johnny  
 Sidorka, Lotze, Horoman, Lemoshka  
 Lercher, Nagash & Paspilkoff leaves  
 about 8 A.M. - There is a good



with the Russian boat - would to  
 take off the man & goods -  
 The Captain soon after came ashore  
 his name is Birgin - and the big  
 is the Shlikoff - Get my 50 deer-  
 skins and 10 bags of flour - but it  
 more than 1 pound I can't get  
 Shlikoff is pretty drunk all day  
 Thursday July 16 -  
 The Captain came ashore and gave  
 over the Russians to find out  
 who would to stay. Bear takes  
 Kotikoff, Korkanoff, Jagoroff  
 Ananyoff and Kanyoff - a young  
 Steaming came on the Shlikoff &  
 an independent trader. He is a  
 pretty fair kind of a fellow - open  
 a order in the books - Shlikoff  
 drunk all day. Work over my  
 letter & make certificate & have  
 in my work, will soon be done  
 towards night another big the  
 Comptroller of the Navigation  
 company, came in night and  
 anchors about mid night in the  
 bay. Adams. Brewster & and  
 Andrea of the Shlikoff are on board  
 of her -

deal of large ice in the river  
 and it is raining hard. Water  
 rather low - Monday agrees to go  
 in case the other Indians do not  
 arrive in time. Shall try and start  
 tomorrow if the weather permits -  
 About 3 P.M. the ice from the Koyuk  
 Kulk river, known by its peculiar  
 blackness, comes down in large cakes  
 and masses. I was unable to get far  
 today - Conclude for all to take  
 Monday and leave this old mother  
 some ukali & oil. Grease the bidan  
 rat & get every thing ready for leav-  
 ing tomorrow -

Tuesday June 2

No signs of Tekuluka or his Indi-  
 ans, so I take Monday, and get  
 every thing together and about  
 noon push off with a heavy  
 load - Kuril at the helm & I  
 & Monday at the oars. But  
 my winter sickness left me  
 so weak that I can't row long  
 so I take the steering paddle  
 & keep on - Chi peet at the Shoman  
 Mountain and shooting a gun



morning, go up & see Stepanoff and  
 try to get the things I bought last  
 night as a ship is in sight port.

Wednesday July 15

Back weather as yesterday. Back  
 a large box I sent in the evening  
 of yesterday but a little before  
 making from Nizhny. It will do  
 to give Stepanoff something when I  
 next something from the store. He  
 Russians have baggage over 500  
 Indians in this country. But there  
 are only 2500 Chukchis (1) others  
 in the country. There has been a  
 movement here for 23 years -  
 After seven years a little I begin  
 to find the boat - 41 up in the  
 evening I arrange with Stepanoff  
 to take 10 moose skins, 50 deer skins  
 & a pound of powder. Powder for Brian  
 and I think I can make a good  
 freight on the deer I moose skins  
 as I hear there is a large demand  
 for them in France. something like 50¢  
 a lb I get them for 30¢ apiece -  
 Brian pays for the Barkas & we go  
 down & turn in

Thursday July 14

lead and a harlequin duck by the  
 way arrive at Kattay late in  
 the evening. I must try and  
 raise another man here abouts  
 two are not enough. Matfay  
 and family and Yeti ditto are  
 here and the other Indians  
 are at Yakutskalerick. Bad  
 cloudy weather, very cold  
 and a great deal of snow on  
 the hills but not much ice  
 in the river. It is very warm

Wednesday June 3

Start late - leaving Ushish, the old  
 scoundrel behind. Take Yeti, as  
 there is little prospect of raising  
 an Indian at Yakutskalerick  
 and there is no one else here. I  
 think I can keep him in order.  
 Buy 5 masties at Lower Kattay.  
 Pass the mouth of the Takitsky  
 river, the peat and push on  
 camping in a first-rate place not  
 very far below. Weather a little  
 better. In the afternoon the  
 wind makes an attempt to blow  
 fair, but is so weak it don't



Thursday June 4

Start early, and for a very short distance, sail; but soon have to give that up as the wind comes up nearly dead ahead - go in to a slough which Kurill says is a short-cut, but meet a terrible wind which blowing against the current makes quite a sea and we cannot go on - Chi peet here. Find fresh black bear tracks on the shore. Put back into the main river much to Kurill's disgust and find it much better going - close to Yakutskaterik see a large otter running along the beach, but it takes to the water & is lost. Camp at the Yak. River, leaving the birch canoe near the house and finding many fresh bear tracks on the banks. Rains

Friday June 5

Early in the morning kill a small male beaver, soon after push off and work very hard

showed no trace for 3 days - and windy - Stepanoff has not kept the Barkay. Day very cold. The shore. Back a lot of hay - Mike from, to my great regret. Work up in dead, but escape that disagreeable situation of being inter-fered, and I have no time to drink over a kamlet's feet, of doing thank. But he absolutely forces me the water out will go toward a good me a present of 8 boxes, while there Mikaschewoff sends for me and asks me to go to work having my things.

Monday July 18

Letter of Pavloff -

of Alexander and a mud but - Moscow - Buy a number of pictures - Buy up the pictures to the best and a large quantity of furniture and goods leaving - do nothing today for there is a fire up and leave for to day. The whole for the winter time - See to get Alexei to make a skin put on the tent, cut it to fit out of the rocks - But the All hands stand out, just in time



Saturday July 11. 1868  
 Went to the river to the village - to get  
 all the women to come & see the  
 the Indians - but I mean to cut  
 out the skins, take off the fat  
 skin, to rip the fat off and then  
 it will be good. Put in two sticks  
 to keep it straight. Get all the  
 women at work and at night  
 get nearly done. Give them  
 tea, soup, & bread - but the skin  
 is too water again to be put  
 on & finished tomorrow. All this  
 is to help Mike, not for pay.  
 a because of a sum of my money  
 too - Been & the rest would have  
 been a week doing as much as  
 I have done today - for they don't  
 know how to go to work. Mike  
 gets the goods out of his boat  
 & takes her, to make some use  
 preserve it in the evening  
 puts her in the stream -  
 Sunday July 12.  
 Night very stormy - Both the men  
 & I saw birds get to dropping  
 their anchors & nearly get across

against a strong head wind.  
 Went soon stop at a small  
 lake where Kurill kills two  
 thousand geese - Chipcut and  
 start on. Stop to rest at a  
 small river and then put  
 out again and finally camp  
 in a sand bar. The wind  
 is really terrible, with the  
 strongest current and two  
 men pulling we hardly make  
 any headway at all - There is  
 a great deal of ice on the  
 banks and the water is very  
 low, so we often are hard  
 pushed to find a landing place.  
 Saturday June 6 -  
 Started early and pull along against the same  
 high head wind. Go into a small slough &  
 chipcut - start at geese but don't kill any.  
 put out again. pass several old Indian  
 houses and the only water fall I have  
 seen so far, a very small one - Camp  
 at a small brook. Take all the food  
 & out of the boat. put them on the  
 beach - wash her out and turn  
 her over on the beach to dry -



Thursday July 9. 1866  
 Work over alcoholic collection  
 and pack them all into a  
 car pattern box - Put the  
 not alcohol into two small  
 bags. about 15 pounds in all -  
 get my working bag for it -  
 back up my books & parkies  
 begin to get a little order out of  
 the chaos. Make lamp the lights  
 make an arrangement to make  
 the work in the day tomorrow -  
 Friday July 10. 1866  
 morning got down my books  
 and got alcohol to pack  
 cloth over the cracks. By the  
 3 will say then I have have add  
 skin covers sewed in - the the  
 last of them time out to forest.  
 ten & they take it away. the &  
 my & large sealings to make  
 a new cover, and afterwards  
 more which is enough - 21  
 a promise from S. S. S. S. S. S. S.  
 the heat less I can leave with  
 him - 14 to the sea. the west  
 ward in the fall. -

Sunday June 7. 1866  
 Start reasonably early. Kull has got the mumps  
 and is in considerable pain. Some d-d  
 wind - and occasionally a smart show-  
 er of rain. Chi peet about noon. Kill  
 one goose & lose another. Stop to rest  
 at a small river and conclude to wait  
 there till evening when it may calm down  
 a little. Pass Clantinten today. Kill another  
 goose & 3 ducks. About sunset push out  
 again it being somewhat more quiet  
 and succeed in reaching Bare Point  
 where we camp at a small islet.

Monday June 8. 66  
 Push on and about noon as we  
 are nearing Anvik see Indians on  
 the bank. One of them gives me a  
 servant which I recognise as Isaac's. A  
 little further on meet him and about  
 30 other Mahlemuts, who are going to  
 scour the Youkon & Chukchee for  
 furs. Chi peet at Anvik. Buy some  
 contrab, 2 martens, some fresh fish  
 &c. Push on against the untir-  
 ing head wind with Isaac as a  
 passenger & camp on a small islet  
 The Mahlemuts go on the other side



Wednesday July 8, 1868  
 Back a lot of people in the  
 morning so up to see Stepan  
 off and stay to dinner. After  
 that we go into the store and  
 I get a lot more goods on sale  
 from Beany from him. The boat  
 is finished and loaded today but  
 the last very badly. She will not  
 take all the stuff as there will  
 not be room for the baggage  
 but plenty for the other goods.  
 Stepanoff is very mad with  
 him to take all the Company  
 gear aboard the schooner and  
 run away with them. He has  
 written him the for the  
 boat things the more that  
 is in the mouth of the Keneke  
 going with Adams & Keneke  
 they have no right  
 to come there as they did not clear  
 from Sitka. Stepanoff is here in  
 the afternoon & I cannot settle  
 up with him today.

Tuesday June 9  
 Start early & pass through very long  
 slough where we chi peet. Then  
 stop at a small camp where I buy  
 some berries, fish and a small  
 model of a birch canoe. Push on  
 by Kashiniks village where the in-  
 habitants are all gone to the mouth  
 of the Chageluk slough. Reach  
 that place about 3 P.M. and  
 find the Mahlemut-Vidarras  
 there. Buy fish, berries, 11 marten  
 skins, (of the ms) a haunch of ven-  
 ison just killed, and a piece of  
 fat. Telegzik was here yester-  
 day has gone up the Chageluk  
 & will return by the Kwittpaks

Wednesday June 10  
 Last night the Indians kicked up a  
 row & I left the village & went  
 over to the other side. One of them  
 would have shot me, but the  
 others seized his gun. Cause, I  
 wouldn't sell them my alcohol  
 for collecting. Buy two beaver  
 skins, some deer & saccate meat  
 & ukali. Kunll kills a swan



Start very early I make a very long day of it hoping to reach the Mission but in vain. Chir peat twice; meet a Russian going to a small village to get a bidarra to help take Mil-avanoffs goods to the Redoubt. He gives me some eggs - We part & I camp near a large bluff at an old village where there are some remarkable graves - The Indians killed 4 deer & a bear here today - get some flowers for my press

### Thursday June 11

Start pretty early, and with a strong current arrive about 10 a.m. at the Mission. Hoist the American flag & fire a gun - The Pope is just about to leave, the bidarra is loaded and I go up the hill and look over the buildings and take account of the stuff he leaves behind him as somebody may want to buy it and he requested me to do so - He gives me an account of all his pains & aches, and tells me

Set to work packing up my spec-imens, get two boxes covered with maklak skin - Pack one box nearly full & get another empty box from the depot - The boat is due when taking away they are at work on the tail which is the object of all my efforts to leave for 10 till him a short time here - time leather etc. Buy a deer over.

Friday July 7, 68

getting on well. day over there - Rainy day. Boat finish my tripkins, work all

Saturday July 6, 68

gives me 10 oaks & 2 red, at night 12th or thereabouts - Arriving

Captain Smith is due on the evening; I see the boat on river a new harness on it - Day has mended my gun, put premises are some fun - Alexie again a little of spirit. He has ducks & two geese - Give Anne birds. Work all day, skin & in the morning start to skin - Sunday July 5, 68



Give the men who served the gun in  
 drink and go about doing nothing.  
 Drink tea with the Russians to  
 give my gun to Alex who promises  
 me to fix it. Talk with Amman  
 and think I can make a trade  
 with him. He brings Kogentoff  
 the better he (K) and me and he  
 immediately tells them for liquor  
 he in the morning - The fact is he  
 tells that Kogentoff drank the two bottles  
 and has been lying also ever since -  
 too drunk to carry out the program  
 in the afternoon go up to Kogentoff  
 who has got up, and take up all of  
 our liquor wine & cake - and go  
 through with an informal amount  
 of buying & knowing, which from a  
 Russian always reminds me of a  
 Russian's fearful in the P.M. Have  
 a hard time to get away from the  
 drunken Russians especially from  
 Kostoff and Kostoff - I shall think  
 better when I am once more an  
 my white man - But to-day work  
 today.

He thanks God that he is going home  
 I look at his tongue feel his pulse  
 and bid him good bye - Milavansoff  
 is quite sick, a hard cold on his  
 chest - I have complaint, the last  
 is common here - Tell him my  
 watch for 10 rubles. It cost me  
 \$15.00 and the skins are worth  
 perhaps \$5.00. Make him a present  
 of my revolver pistol, which he  
 has taken a fancy to. He gives  
 me eight loaves of bread - He is  
 a rather tiresome fellow, and talks  
 of nothing but his various afflictions  
 Put the bidarra up to dry, the goods  
 in the tent and under the maklo  
 skin - Will leave probably leave  
 tomorrow night as the day is very  
 hot. Very sorry to find that I can  
 not get an interpreter here -

Friday June 12

Get a yellow bird, a black and a  
 spotted thrush and brown - and skin them  
 Get a bath much needed - Grease the  
 bidarra and sharpen the axes  
 Give Milavansoff some needles, 650 caps  
 or so, some medicines, 10 for which



Set a few things in order, arrange  
with Stepanoff about the celebration of the day tomorrow - There is to be  
a mass in the church - 8 till 9. 9 till  
ten for a national salute and then  
all hands will continue to give some  
agitation and a little dinner to the  
Russian men. Kunik comes back  
with a few small gifts, 2 male  
sides of the large species and a lot  
of females of both species and a few  
in the afternoon pay off my Indian  
to their complete satisfaction. Make  
Kunik and Siderka a present of a  
span apiece and give Monday and  
are. Have a good hot bath and  
take tea with Stepanoff - Arrangement  
+ Melanoff arrives today -

Sunday July 3 and 1888

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+ Melanoff arrives today -

I receive 16 tables for once. He has  
a package back to with all where  
he is at the coast. Pack up - Load  
the boat. The Golden and Matros  
goodbye and about ten P.M. put  
off and about 2 A.M. camp a  
little further than the point at  
the Great Bend. Wind has changed  
so as to be still dead ahead.  
A heavy rain, which I see killed  
for 3 purposes of Tobacco -  
Saturday June 13

Push on, rather late in the day, chi put  
in a slough. See deer on the hills which  
are beginning to look very bare.  
Trees are scarce along the banks. Very  
hot. Skin a black cap warbler, it stop  
at a village and buy 4 melina whale  
and a morkas head. See two young tame  
foxes there. Push on and finally  
camp on a sand bar where there are  
a great many birds. Kill 4 geese  
2 olive snipe, a tern and two turks  
and a beautiful white gull, clean as  
the driven snow, only a little gray  
on the back and wings of so light  
a hue that it has the appearance of



Kick out from the Indians - there  
is an Indian report that Euker  
and Popoff were killed by the  
Indians in the Kenukagumuk.  
Euker makes a very good trade  
all day - Buy 12 muskoxen from  
Teleghuk. Sell my dogs into  
the old place and get sheep -  
off to make an arrangement  
to pay for the alcohol in goods -  
Thursday July 1st  
Get my other lot packed and the  
Arctic party secured - will take it  
tomorrow. Pay Bear 6.00 I get a  
credit of 3 pipes - Sell out my two  
which are all very damp - dry.  
them and get some Indian and  
some which are mouldy - dry  
a lot of caribou and dipping. Bear  
trading well all day - Russians  
very drunk - Count up 115 muskoxen  
and about 70 milk - try to buy a  
good otter but can't make a trade  
and the Indians with Knut  
up the creek gamelte hunt for  
elder ducks. He down to the pit  
legs in a house in the p.m. - the  
Russians have been fighting all day

Sunday June 14, 1868  
Get some birds and a lot of eggs. Pay  
Rachuk's glau, has a barrel of muskox  
fat - Che pet is a small mouse  
I get some cowbirds and beetles &  
mosses. Skin 7 birds in the kitchen  
Reach Henry Revith's village at  
night. Find the Andreaffsky, sub-  
totnik Yaksha there. With his help  
I get a boy & canoe who will pilot  
us to the Kusillivak on over the  
Buy an otter skin and two or three  
good beaver - Push on a little way  
and camp. Get the eggs of the whiting

Monday June 15  
Start rather late & put into a narrow  
but very long lough, whence we  
finally emerge about half past one  
Che pet there. Kill 3 geese and  
an Arctic hare, also some small birds  
Meet a very strong head wind with  
waves on the river and put  
into Andreaffsky to rest. Boil  
the chyuk and go over the deserted  
fort - Push on a little further and  
camp at Egg River - Mount Ingechuk  
looks up finely in the S.E. Night calm



Tuesday June 16. 1868.  
 Wake up to find that yesterday  
 diabolical seas were thrashing the  
 water about. We might have left  
 the mast and sail at Poulto &  
 been none the worse for it - before  
 Row against the wind some time  
 and finally pass a bluff where  
 we find some Indians of whom  
 I buy 5 snows up - pass through  
 a narrow slough which takes  
 a northward turn, and here  
 for the first time use our sail  
 Chi peet here - Then to the river  
 again, and sail a long way  
 crossing and camping on the  
 other side - No trees, only low  
 willows now and very little  
 drift wood.

Wednesday June 17  
 Start and sail gently along. Our  
 guide who understands no Russian  
 (and none of us understand Premovka)  
 insists on crossing back again. I  
 begin to wonder what he is doing  
 as the Kusvade plough is on the  
 South side and fear he is go-

Wednesday July 1st 1868  
 Get up early and find that some  
 body, out of pure spite, has thrown  
 knife into my poor little Koyukuk  
 dog and I think he will die. I  
 suppose it was an Indian  
 a whole man would not be such  
 a mean trick - but do my best  
 to get him out of my mind  
 depart and get my Koyukuk  
 good into the other canoe. The  
 Russians that I met at the  
 mouth, apparently about 1000 ft  
 it was 10 miles from the mouth  
 when they lay out, they were  
 up in the morning. We are  
 afternoon and take with us  
 on account of my Indian and  
 of the Russian. Buy all the  
 of the Russian. 20 packs of  
 hair, about 500 of heads and  
 soap, butter &c to the amount  
 of \$18.00. Those I shall turn  
 over to Brown who will draw  
 for me in San Francisco -  
 a lot of Indians and Brown. All  
 off arrive in the afternoon. All  
 the Melat Russians with him  
 that he carried escape of these



ing wrong; and subsequent events  
 proved I was right. The post  
 stop at two small islands and on  
 earth a lot of ducks eggs & shoot  
 a goose. About 5 P.M. our guide  
 brings us to the mouth of the Alphon  
 instead of the Kusilvak. After some  
 time manage to find out, that he  
 doesn't know where the Kusilvak  
 is & has been under the impress-  
 ion that we wanted to go to Kutlost.  
 To go back, would involve a great  
 deal of time (now very precious)  
 and hard work against wind  
 and current - and I have only  
 an unreliable chart as a guide.  
 I therefore pay him and let him go.  
 It was a great disappointment to  
 me. I wanted to see that part  
 of the country, and the Emperor  
 or goose which abounds there  
 and was my special desideratum  
 is very rarely found at Pastolic  
 and I fear I may not get it at all.  
 I might have got rid of my extra  
 guns there too - as mink are very  
 plenty there. All from want of an

by doing drink all the time; has great  
 home - Sent him any letters or papers -  
 Monday June 29, 1878  
 Kuskokwim arrives late at night, with 200 lbs.  
 in the morning buy 21 birds from the Indians  
 be must have my letters covered.  
 get 30 lbs from the village to work  
 at Kuskokwim. Borrow 6 dollars from Kuskokwim  
 and receive 5 from Mike for my trade.  
 pale cloth over the cracks in outer  
 and start in my catalogue - get  
 some rare eggs from Mike. Work over  
 some last of June. See Shepanoff who  
 gives me the use of a room to fix up  
 my boxes. He is very drunken.  
 Tuesday June 30, 1878

Work over specimens, write labels, and  
 a good many. Last of June and  
 of the other Shepanoff to be drunk to  
 understand anything. The Russians  
 say that Shepanoff in the spring took  
 all the spirit out of the boxes which  
 I left in the magazine and that he  
 is gone. I have a lot of money  
 in boxes, but he didn't take. I wish he  
 had. Then I went to the  
 house and the boat is about all - still in use  
 the other tomorrow - if not too drunk



for the collected - A Geo Co, has brought  
all the fish and bones of the fish -  
from Co, and another Geo Co, has  
left three men here from the schooner  
now at anchor. They have already  
started up a new house between the  
port & the church. This also sent  
two letters to the Mission having  
received the Pope's letters; and will  
make an other failure, as they  
are doubtful of the most essential  
trading goods, <sup>Alaskan</sup> tobacco,  
cork and skins, <sup>General</sup>  
Kumukuan is to command at the  
Ka now held by General Jeff Davis.  
The liquor is to be sold to Indians  
a very necessary precaution.  
Andy Johnson has been acting the day in  
the manager and is probably impeded  
by this time. No other - why? I don't  
know. Some engagement to fight  
clapped and Francis are married -  
Berthelmer was married to a new  
maire again - Francis is in a big  
trading in the Kamchatka side  
arrived in at St Pauls dealing with  
the Jewish Company - Says he has been  
Petersburg has made a lot of himself

interpreter - The man I expected  
to take, died; and another I hoped  
to get, Seleglik took up the Chap  
club - But its no use crying  
over spilt milk, and must be done  
Thursday June 11.

Start late. Stop at several small  
beaches and find large numbers  
of loose duck, gull & snipe eggs.  
Kill two terns and a beautiful  
diver. See the Emperor loose  
but can't kill it. Part of the  
time was in considerable  
uncertainty as to whether we  
are in the Upton proper, or  
not; but about dark turn up  
all right, at Ananians bar  
ratera, Kutlet - Take all  
the goods & the bedarra and  
put up the tent - Shall  
stay here a few days - The  
place is quite deserted, Ananias  
having gone to the Kusibak  
to sell down salmon -

Friday June 19  
Catalogue & pack away specimen  
all day, which had been



Monday June 25, 1868  
 Reached the mouth of the Canal  
 about 3 A.M. the sun shone  
 after having in the day, at an  
 hour, got above and so up to  
 the new house which I find is  
 really a fine one. Work my  
 way through piles of goods  
 and evidently in summer clothes  
 meet first another a stranger  
 as out side I have a long  
 talk with him. It appears that  
 Green has come out having found  
 a new camp only for hunting  
 gun called the Porter from St.  
 Mike is at the head of a party  
 of men who will remain  
 the hunters in a boat near  
 nearly all above the kitchen  
 got from London. But before  
 and back of our old house  
 one with them, I am sure it must  
 I there are on the shore which  
 last night is now taking to find  
 see that, to leave before. He will  
 return in a few weeks. Green is  
 now here & Clerk left yesterday

collected on the road. The In-  
 dians go out shooting & bring  
 back a beautiful duck & a  
 Emperor goose - beside eggs  
 & other birds. Rains hard in  
 P.M. move my traps from the  
 tent to the house - Blow about  
 5 dozen eggs today some duck & gulls

Saturday June 20

Morning finish my cataloguing  
 work the rest of the day over birds  
 making 5 or 6 bird skins & blowing  
 20 or 25 eggs - Lidokas kills a  
 magnificent male Emperor Goose  
 the others bring in a few small bird  
 eggs & some gulls. Day half fair

Sunday June 21

Skin two large geese, two ducks and four  
 other birds. Pack away a lot of specimens  
 - Label & catalogue my first ones -  
 took a few birds, geese, ducks and  
 eggs. No eggs today, I have collected  
 so far about 125 eggs of different species  
 & a little work all alone, making  
 bird skins, I shall be glad when it  
 is over and my boxes full. I have  
 so far done as well as I could expect



When the wind blows around  
about 4 then sinks into a  
dead calm. Now to Point  
Remany where there are in-  
dians who give us the starting  
news that the American pro-  
cess have been for some time  
at the Redoubt. That they have  
already put up a house - and  
that there are women & children  
with them - but into which  
I don't, putting the boys into my  
kitchen and taking fish in  
his place. Telegraphed to  
that not arrived and we  
leave my baggage to follow  
at leisure while we make  
all haste for the Redoubt -  
Tough at Skinitalik and pack  
my things at the mouth of  
the river for behind - leave  
the Skinitalik over with  
we pack on our night for  
the Redoubt -

Monday June 22. 66  
Skin a few birds. Have the bathhouse  
heated & all hand take a bath &  
change clothes, very much need-  
ed like the boys. Send all the  
men out hunting in the afternoon  
if the weather is fair and I get  
through my work may leave for  
Pastolik tomorrow - The Indians  
come back with a good lot of birds  
but that careless rascal Monday  
has lost the hammer & screw of my  
best gun. It is extremely aggravat-  
ing but what can I do?

Tuesday June 23.  
In the night Telezhik arrives from the  
Chapeluk. He only drinks tea and then  
pushes on to Pastolik. Milavonoff  
is gone, probably to the Kusilovac, to  
salt fish, as he has seen nothing of  
him. Bought about a 1000 skins. He will  
wait at Pastolik a few days to buy  
eggs & and await Milavonoff -  
Skin 5 birds label & pack them. Pack  
up all our duds and about noon  
start for Pastolik with no wind, arrive  
and a head wind starts up immediately.



Point Remount. Start again  
 when we are past south of  
 camp I keep ahead till noon  
 gather and we pass the  
 river. All hands about to  
 morning camp a half past  
 Saturday June 27. 1868

about 40000 camp here  
 hurry up and start for the  
 at Redoubt, and that he must  
 must be left on the point  
 that the Andersons going  
 over in the evening to say  
 quick under the old Indian  
 bring the rest of his pack. He  
 give back to the Knikwats, to  
 you have been there but has  
 Redoubt is there & Ann  
 from Redoubt in a boat. I think  
 day and an Indian boy arrive  
 afternoon between with him  
 but has nothing to tell. In the  
 during for Stephen. I saw no  
 Indians with some Indians  
 pair of black headed jacks - a  
 the Indians kill two more & a  
 Sunday June 26. 1868

Send the Indians out shooting and  
 they bring me in about a dozen  
 birds. There is nobody at Pastoria  
 and the houses are very dilapidated

Wednesday June 24

Early in the morning a misfortune  
 as unexpected as it was unusual  
 occurred. The strong west wind  
 raised the water very suddenly &  
 my boxes which were lying near  
 the bank being in a little depression  
 were all wet. Open and take out  
 all the wet specimens from the 2  
 boxes. Dry them and pack again  
 as it is going to rain. The Indians  
 go out shooting and I skin 11  
 birds. Wind turns fair in P.M.  
 but very strong & with a heavy rain.  
 A solitary Indian arrives about  
 night. Others are coming tomorrow

Thursday June 25

All day wind very changeable; no  
 birds, no Indians. Skin 6 birds  
 killed yesterday. Evening go to the vil-  
 lage to look at a seal killed today

- Reverse & turn back -



Good purchased at the Redoubt in July 1868

	R. K.	my %	R. K.	Beane %	R. K.
1 Red Blanket	24.00	✓	24.00		
2 pounds Scherkatsky tobacco	120.00				120.00
1 lb 8th beads - 250/	120.00				120.00
Brass buttons - 5 doz 3/4r.	10.00	✓	10.00		
Peart " 1 1/2 gross - 24/r.	36.00				36.00
8 doz rings - 2/40	19.20		7.20		12.00
18 rings - 2¢	1.80	✓	1.80		
1 1/2 lb powder fine - 40¢	3.00	✓	3.00		
4 1/2 lb " coarse - 20¢	4.50	✓	4.50		
25 yds cotton cloth 19¢	22.50	✓	22.50		
1/2 lb glue -	.50	✓	.50		
2 lb solder -	6.00	✓	6.00		
60 lb nails -	30.00				30.00
1 Scotch cap -	3.50	✓	3.50		
20 bags of flour & the bags	275.00				275.00
	676.00				483.00

$$\$16.50 = \frac{50.00}{33.00} \$118.50 = \frac{483.00}{118.50} = 593.00$$

10 Bags flour & the bags -	137.50
Mixed beads 1 pound 9 1/2 lb	123.75
Money shells - (400 of 15¢)	60.00
2 1/2 Walrus skins (of 6 R.)	15.00
50 axchin - linen	50.00
4 hinges @ 2 R.	8.00
4 " @ 10 R.	1.60
1 small cannon.	50.00
	445.85

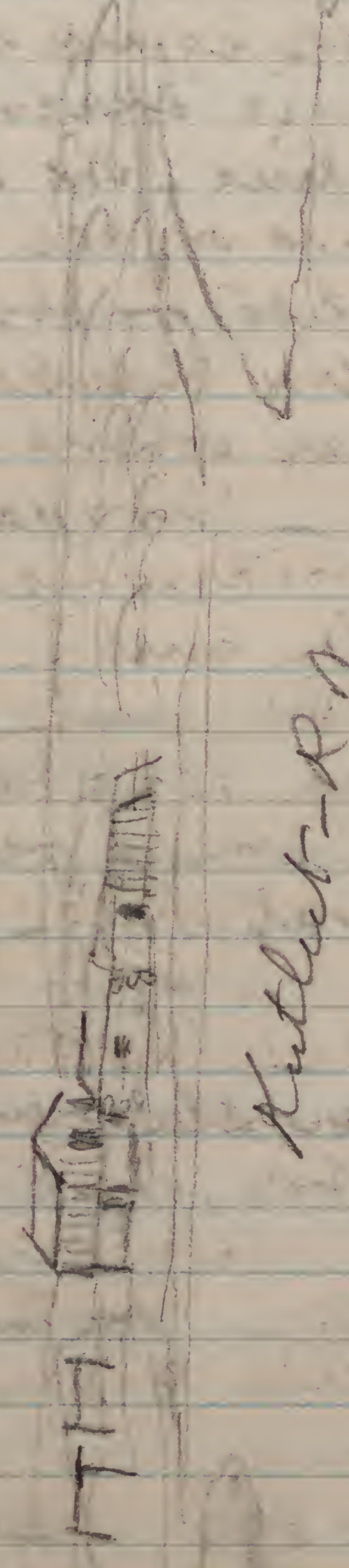
(4 lb 5th flour Mulate)	22.62 1/2
10 dressed moose skins	15.00
30 deer skins -	75.00
1 pound powder - (off)	40.00
over	1121.85
Pays me -	R. 1234.47 1/2
	R. 250.60 X
	1484.07 1/2



# Goods left in store, Nulato.

- Box winter boots, caps &c -
- Box scientific equipment -
- Box bottles and specimens -
- Six empty tins - One escoveratnik
- Two picnics or ice chisels - new.
- 600 (more or less) rabbit skins -
- One hare skin blanket -
- Six old deer skins -
- 3 old bags - Two pair snowshoes
- 1 Barrel containing a chynik
- 3 Coffee mills - 1 lantern
- one copper kettle, 1 mess pan
- Lamps, Bag bells & buckles -
- Sinew - small renne, one
- seal-net, raw - & other sundries
- 1 medicine box with a few bottles
- & sundries - Lot box boards
- 2 Youkon sleds, one set harness
- one empty box, one small barrel
- 2 Russian sleds, one wood sled.
- 1 boat hook - one moose skin sled cover.
- 1 large kettle & some oil -
- 5 feather beds, one stool -
- One wooden pail - 2 sled runners &c
- One shovel - one auger - one tin cups

One pair black breeches & boots -  
Two pair old winter boots - Bag salt  
one keg and one cutting salt fish -



Kutluk - P. 1



Buy 21 lovtak for R. 31.50 K 6.30

14 lovtak Bean 4.20

Redoubt a/c Cash 1.00

Rec of Bean for lovtak - 9.00

Pay him 3.00

Pay him 6.00

Get a box of cigars 2.00

3 pipes 3.00

1 comb .50

Give gager for tobacco - 1.00

Sell my bidarra & sail for 10.00

Sell my rope for (25 fath) 1.50

Buy for Bean from Slap

and off on my a/c - \$118.00

Spade 1.50

Buy two small scarps - .25

Pay for washing - .40

Buy on a/c for Bean (about) 84.00

✓ sold beads to Mike for cash, 5.00

Pay for one milk park 10.00

✓ Wire Mike 2.25

✓ Two bags Mike 2.00

✓ 21 lbs blk tob 30¢ 6.30

✓ 70 lbs leaf at 3¢ 2.10

Buy a box of cigars 2.00

✓ 50 lbs leaf tobacco 2.50

✓ Buying pan, 2 messpans, tent 50¢ 1 lb shot 13.30

✓ sold 5 lbs powder for cash 2.30

2 1/2 lbs the. tob @ 35 - 7.52

1/2 of Johnnie Boucher

board at Redoubt

board at Unalakleet

7 pair winter boots 3.50

1 shirt 1.50 2 parkies 4.00 & knives 1.50 9.00

2 pair water boots 1.00

Tobacco - 6 lbs at 40¢ 2.40

Give him to go up the river

2 lbs powder

5 " shot

50 balls - 1 small kettle

1 shirt

300 caps -

1 axe (American)

1/2 lb tea - 2 lbs sugar -

2 lbs Tobacco leaf.

	R.	K.
Good from Slapanoff	1247.	47 1/2
My order	252	52 1/2

	1500.	00
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My own goods	105.	62 1/2
	1394.	37 1/2

Order	252.	52 1/2
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Bean owes me	1141.	85
	228.	37

Slapanoffs order	40.00	10.50 off
	50.	50 1/2



Paid -		R K
1/2 H. Anglesky Tobacco -		.75
Bag		1.00
Ostrashko bag		1.00
Loan for knife -		5.00
for copper for can		3.00
Kunill ap. e.		5.00
May 7 Lead & vizulka		5.20

Owe me at Redoubt -		
Leleshik -	Lost Paid	10 norka
Luken -	Lost	30 marten
Kozunikeff -	(Collar)	25 marten
Ananyan -	10 + 2 otter	40 marten
Sergee -	Lost	10 norka
Ambranoff (boots & parki)		
Ostrashko	Got 7.	10 norka

\$ 566.00	S. Hume
278.87	Step.
844.87	
150.00	Hans
994.87	

Gave Kunill	
3 Pair winter boots.	1.50
Cloth for trousers.	4.00
Coat	6.00
1 pair socks & 1 pr. mittens.	.90
Parki -	2.00
Tobacco 4 lbs	1.50
1 shirt (hunting)	3.00
1 under shirt	1.50
Drill for drawers	.60
Money -	1.20
"	2.00
Shirt -	1.50
2 pair boots	1.50
1 " " water.	.50
2 lbs tobacco 3.00 buttons 2.50	1.10
3 rings 3 4 5 Comb 30.	.43
1 lb blk tobacco	.40
Money	1.00
Net twine -	.50
Shirt 1.50, Tobacco 3 lbs 2.40, bag 40.	4.30
Picnic - 70 - Powder 8 lbs 40¢	3.90
Kettle	2.00



Age of Nulato -

Nov 25	<del>1 loaf bread</del>	
	1 Yakutz knife -	1.50
Nov 27	<del>1 loaf bread</del>	
	15 days 3 days feed -	
Dec 4	1 lb Sitka leaf tobacco -	2.00
Dec 6	1/2 lb powder -	1.00
Dec 9	<del>1 loaf bread</del>	
Dec 16	2 lb Sitka tobacco -	4.00
	6 lbs mixed bread -	15.00
Jan 20	1 lb Sitka tobacco	2.00
	2 pair long socks	4.50
	1 leather miller	7.50
	1 lb wicking	2.50
Mar 14	3 lb Sitka tobacco	6.00
	2 cornets (Kunilla)	R. 60 K. 0
	6 Yakutz knives	9.00
	2 small "	2.00
	2 pair shoes	6.00
	3 rings - (Kunilla)	3.45
	7 lb Sherkatsky Tobacco (2K)	10.50
	5 " Sitka "	10.00
	1 doz buttons	.75
	11 1/2 yards linen for sail	11.50
	1 shirt -	7.50
	1 doz buttons - K -	2.50
		103.80
	150 lbs flour (22.50)	20.60

Dec 9, Pay Yajorshe

Dec 26 Pay Yajorshe

R. K  
15.50

11.35

Must take to R. Richards

Box buttons etc -

Ky fish -

Whale -

Shoes etc

Books not needed here -

Dec soap -

Must take

30 whale 2 days flour

7 1/2 pounds sugar, scarf, rings (5), spirit

sugar 30 lb - 1/2 lb tea - parki - 1/2 lb

small time powdered

Shunka 20

Kunilla 12 - 15

Woolly satyr 3

Miscellaneous 1 - 36 + 5 marks - 11.00

Set of ostracoe 6 pair boots 5

winter, one pair summer -

2 loaves bread 1 1/2 lb sugar

15 marks (2) 6 pair

60 whale

36-2-1-22  
-5-11-



Bidarra

Pond & a half skoce

54.

Sugar, Alcohol -

40

Flour, Powder, Berries

128

Ukali, 100.

123-

1 bag

20

Redoubt -

Flour -

13.75-

1 bag -

Sukarce -

10.62 1/2

1 1/2 Pond

Sugar -

25.50

30 lbs

Tea -

14.00

2 ~~1/2~~ 1/4

Powder -

10.00

5 lbs

Ukali -

3.50

10-

Small line or mahout.

1 coil -

Scarf -

2.50

1

Rings -

2.40

1/25

1 1/2 lbs Tcherkalsky tobacco 2.25

1 " Sittka

1 " Comb 30

Shirt -

7.50 - beads 250

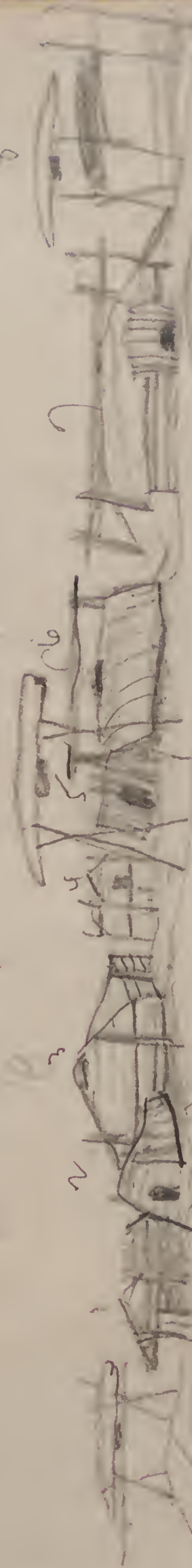
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Berries.

Ukali -

my 90 - Co. 20.

Powder -



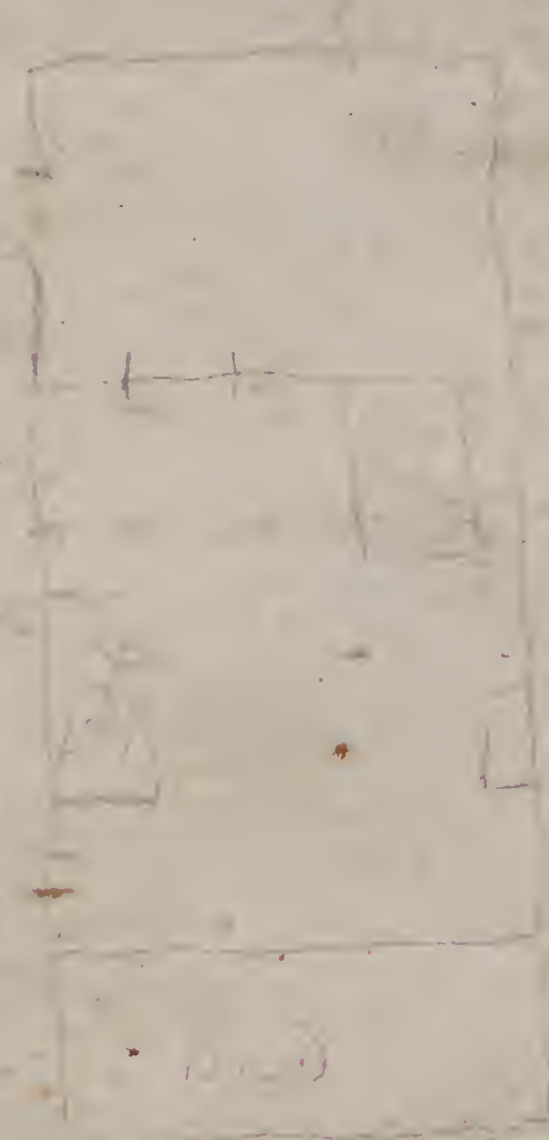
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9 1/4 11.56



Kolchaca above  
 Tokalide middle  
 { Kus Koo-gumut  
 Akwut mist

Kus Koo-gumut



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$$\frac{815}{225}$$



